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BUTCHERS PROTEST

London, Jan. 24.

Five thousand London butchers sent a protest letter to the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee today contending the nation's meat stocks have fallen to a perilous level.

Britons are now permitted to buy but one shilling's worth of meat a week.

Mr Harold Daniels, President of the Association, told newsmen that many butchers are already drawing on next week's supplies to make up this week's ration.—Associated Press.

Anxiety Over Bevin's Condition

London, Jan. 24.

Doctors were anxious tonight about the condition of Mr Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, who has been stricken with pneumonia.

They reported that he was "holding his own" against the attack—a patch on one lung—but his poor general health made his new illness serious.

Mr Bevin, two months' short of 70, fell victim yesterday to the prevailing influenza epidemic. Pneumonia developed overnight. His chief medical adviser visited him three times today and ordered a professional nurse to be called in.

The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, personally took over active direction of foreign affairs during the crucial negotiations concerning Communist China.

Mr Attlee received the American Ambassador, Mr Walter Gifford, tonight, presumably to discuss the United States-British split on the China question. Mr Gifford would ordinarily have been received by Mr Bevin, but the 69-year-old Foreign Minister was so ill at his home that his doctors decided it would not be advisable to move him to hospital.

It was learned that Mr Attlee will take over Mr Bevin's top duties in the Foreign Office since it is feared the Foreign Secretary will not be able to return to his job for weeks—and at a time when foreign relations are at a most delicate stage.—Reuter and United Press.

Rescuers Reach Trapped Men In Austrian Alps

Vienna, Jan. 24.

A rescue expedition of eight men on Wednesday reached an Alpine ridge, 11,000 feet high, where 100 Austrian workers have been trapped for three days by avalanches.

The rescue team reported by radio that they believed it possible for the workers to make their way to safer ground tomorrow.

A party of about a dozen workers from the camp, who successfully made their way down to Heiligenblut, confirmed that the men still on the Margaritze had sufficient to eat, although they have been existing largely on flour mixed with melted snow.

In what has perhaps been Austria's greatest natural calamity in living memory, hundreds of avalanches have taken a toll of 112 to 122 dead or missing. The actual number of casualties may not be fully known until the spring thaws.

Avalanche activity, however, was on the wane. Several snowslides were reported in Western Austria on Wednesday, but they brought no new deaths.

Many towns and villages in the Austrian Tyrol were still cut off from the outside world. Rescue teams were cutting paths through snowslides to towns, villages and isolated ski resorts.

VILLAGES ISOLATED

Many skiers who had been caught in isolated villages were reported to be leaving and were said to be arriving at Innsbruck, the capital of the Tyrol.

Innsbruck, a city of 100,000 people, was still without drinking water and was existing on supplies brought by lorry from Vienna, Salzburg, Linz and Muhich.

In the Innsbruck area, French ski troops helped Austrian mountain guards clear the path in many still-isolated villages. The Tyrolean government announced that 42 mountain communities had suffered from avalanches.

The Austrian Ministry of the Interior officially announced this evening that the number of persons dead or missing in the nation's worst winter tragedy had increased to 124.

A Siwss aeroplane dropped food packages for inhabitants of the Austrian village of Spiss, cut off from the outside world for six days. The pilot reported that the village itself had not been struck by the avalanches.

Two hundred and fifty workers were engaged on Wednesday in clearing the debris caused by an avalanche, which damaged the magnesia works at Tux, in the Austrian Tyrol. The bodies of seven miners, still reported as missing, so far have not been found.—Associated Press.

NEW AVALANCHES

London, Jan. 24.

Avalanches began rolling down today in the Allgau Alps, on the Austrian-German border, as the temperature rose, a Reuter cable reported from Aubsburg.

Weather stations in Bavaria said that several avalanches had crashed from the steep slopes at the Austrian end of the valley near the village, without causing damage.

The latest unofficial avalanche death roll for Austria was 142 killed, with about 20 people missing. In Switzerland the figure was 75 and in Italy 34.

At least 45,000 people, including many foreign tourists, were still cut off in the Austrian Tyrol, according to reports from Innsbrueck. In Innsbrueck itself, now threatened with floods from blocked mountain streams as well as fresh avalanches, the authorities have issued a new warning about the danger of epidemics. The people there have been melting snow for drinking water since the weekend avalanches destroyed the waterworks.—Reuter.

Disabled Ship Carries On

Seattle, Jan. 24.

The American Mail Line freighter Oregon Mail, which drifted two days in the North Pacific after a rudder control broke, proceeded toward Japan under her own power on Wednesday.

A radio report said a temporary rudder had been rigged to permit steering.—Associated Press.

Editor Receives Insignia

Mr Henry Ching, editor of the South China Morning Post, being decorated this morning by His Excellency the Governor with the insignia of the Order of the British Empire. In a ceremony at Government House Sir Alexander Grantham presented 20 recipients of King's Birthday Honours with their insignia. Story on back page.—(Staff Photographer).

Warren Austin Accuses Peking Of "Blackmail"

Lake Success, Jan. 24.

US Delegate Warren R. Austin today accused the Chinese Communists of "blackmail" and bad faith in trying to gain their objectives in Korea and the Far East. He also said Red China and Russia have taken part in aggression in Korea.

The American representative spoke to the 60-nation Political Committee of the UN Assembly as twelve Asian and Arab countries formally demanded an immediate seven-nation conference to seek a settlement of the Chinese Korean problem without waiting for a cease-fire.

His emphatic statement was regarded in UN circles as a flat rejection of the latest Arab-Asian move and as an American answer to Prime Minister Nehru of India, who criticised in a New Delhi broadcast today an American resolution calling for the Political Committee to find a verdict of aggression against Communist China.

Britain still took a "wait and see" attitude on the American resolution but support for it came from two Commonwealth members, Australia and New Zealand.

"FUTILE GESTURE"

American circles called the Arab-Asia demand a "futile gesture" and said it merely would waste time. They indicate this country is standing firm by its resolution and expects it to pass by a good margin and looks to the free world to support it.

Mr Austin spoke several hours after the Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, in Washington said the US is striving to preserve the unity of the free world in opposition to Red Chinese aggression in Korea. The American delegate concluded his speech with an appeal to the UN members to stand by the principle of collective security.

Mr Austin was speaking to the Committee in the debate on a reply from Peking to the last chance cease-fire appeal made by the Political Committee on January 13. The Red Chinese came back with a renewed demand for admission to the UN, a seven-nation conference to agree on a cease-fire and to negotiate all issues of the Far East, including Formosa. Peking also demanded the US get out of Formosa and the UN forces withdraw from Korea.

The US delegate said the Red Chinese had given the UN what amounted to an ultimatum to admit them to the UN. He replied, for the US, that admission of any country is a matter for a judgment of all UN members and not for any seven-nation conference. He said one of the factors to be considered was the fact that soldiers of Red China are shedding the blood of many countries seated at the Committee table and said:

"You cannot shoot your way into the United Nations."

FORMOSA QUESTION

On the other issues, Mr Austin said:

"The question of Formosa, the Chinese representation, and of other Far Eastern problems have been or can be put on the agenda of the United Nations and dealt with by orderly United Nations processes. Various members of the United Nations may take differing views of the question of Chinese representation and perhaps also on the future of Formosa. But they cannot possibly disagree with my government's view that these problems must be solved in the United Nations in accordance with the Charter and the procedures provided for therein and not by blackmail."

He said that the Peking answer does not in fact agree to a cessation of hostilities, it does not in fact agree to "discussions in good faith."

Mr Nehru in his broadcast called for a conference of the major powers, including Red China, to discuss world issues. He said the time has come to talk over the problems instead of trying to handle them at a great distance. He said he was convinced that the Red Chinese reply showed desire for a peaceful settlement.

The Indian delegate, Sir Benegal N. Rau, immediately called a conference of the twelve Arab and Asian countries and they decided to indroduce the resolution for the seven-nation conference. The conference would be composed of Red China, Russia, United States, France, Egypt, and India, and would meet immediately to discuss all issues.

The twelve sponsors are Pakistan, Burma, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Yemen, and Afghanistan.—Associated Press.

'Very Important' Peking Message

Willing To Iron Out Difficulties

Lake Success, Jan. 24.

Informed sources have confirmed that Communist China has sent another message to the United Nations on problems of Asia and the Far East.

A spokesman for the Indian delegation said the message was "very important." He added: "Things are now moving at dramatic speed."

Informed sources said Red China expressed willingness to negotiate immediately with the Western powers on a settlement of the Korean war and other Far Eastern problems.

The chief point of the new message was a wish to confer with the United States and other nations at once to iron out difficulties holding up the cease-fire.

Western observers viewed the new Peking message as an obvious move to counter American-led pressure for the United Nations General Assembly to condemn Communist China as an aggressor. The full contents of the new message are not definitely known, but highly placed informants said the message made the Chinese Communist position appear more favourable to a solution of the Far Eastern crisis than earlier communications from Mao Tse-tung's government.

It is regarded as an attempt to spike the American contention that the Chinese Reds have been using their messages to India as a "trick" to delay the United Nations' declaration that the Peking regime is an aggressor unwilling to talk peace.

The Peking message is also said to offer clarification of the Chinese Communist position regarding a cease-fire in Korea, but no details concerning this could be learned.

The further message of the Chinese Communist Government was received by the Indian delegation via New Delhi this afternoon.

An Indian delegation spokesman said that copies had apparently been received also by the Prime Ministers of Britain, France and Canada.

The message arrived at the Indian delegation's office two hours before the 12 Asian and Arab nations were to meet to concert their plans to move their second revised resolution in the Political Committee.

Immediately after Sir Benegal Narsing Rau, the chief Indian delegate, received the "decoded" message, he asked the other Asian and Arab delegations to meet at Lake Success in advance of the Political Committee meeting to study the new communication.

Indian delegation sources said that Sir Benegal probably also communicated the contents of the message to the Political Committee.—United Press and Reuter.

TALKS URGED

Lake Success, Jan. 24.

The text of the Arab-Asian bloc's resolution, circulated for introduction in the main Political Committee, is as follows:

"The General Assembly, viewing with grave concern the situation in the Far East, considering that continuation of this situation is likely to endanger the maintenance of world peace and security, noting the reply of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China to the resolution of the first Committee dated January 13, 1951, desiring to continue its efforts to secure cessation of hostilities in Korea and peaceful settlement of the Korean and other Far Eastern problems:

Recommends that representatives of the governments of France, the United Kingdom,

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Allied Patrols Go Hunting

Tokyo, Jan. 25.

Allied patrols hunting for trouble on Wednesday stabbed 12 miles northward to within 33 miles of the 38th Parallel in Central Korea and found few enemy troops.

On the patrols' southeast flank, other Allied troops behind a rolling artillery barrage and air blows seized the mountain road prize of Yongwol.

A field dispatch said the patrol which knifed toward the parallel rolled ten miles north from Wonju to Hoengsong. It then pushed on about two miles north. Hoengsong, 55 miles due East of Seoul, is 35 miles south of Parallel 38.

A unit of 100 men and four tanks had routed two small Red pockets on the way to Hoengsong but it found the town itself empty of Communist troops. The United Nations forces pulled back at nightfall to better defence positions.

It was the northernmost stab by the Allies since Seoul was abandoned to the Communists on January 4.

Forty miles to the south-east of Hoengsong, another patrol recaptured the tungsten mining town of Yongwol, which has changed hands five times in the past two weeks.

The troops smashed into Yongwol after powering across the ice-covered Han River. A 20-plane bombing attack and a roaring artillery barrage had driven Red troops from the town.

An estimated 20,000 Reds, including 500 rifle-carrying women, were believed to have infiltrated behind Allied lines on the Eastern front. Some of these women soldiers were reported to have fired on Allied troops. There were few details, however.—United Press.

Arab League Not To Vote For US Motion

Cairo, Jan. 24.

The Egyptian Foreign Minister, Salah el Din Bey, announced today that the Arab League States, in agreement with the Asian nations, had decided to abstain on the United States' resolution branding Communist China an aggressor.

Informed sources had said that Iraq and the Yemen urged the League not to align itself openly with either East or West but confine itself strictly to the United Nations Charter. — United Press.

Paris Police Thwart Communists

Paris, Jan. 24.

Police tonight arrested about 2,500 people in Paris and smashed a Communist anti-Eisenhower demonstration before it could get started.

Prefect of Police Roger Leonard was authoritatively stated to have told Interior Minister Henri Queuille that there were only about 5,000 demonstrators altogether. No one was injured, according to this report, except one police sergeant. He had only a few cuts and bruises.

No Communist got within streets of the Hotel Astoria—temporary headquarters of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of the Atlantic Pact Organization.

Observers said the demonstration of police efficiency and zeal in smashing this Communist display was unexampled in France.

It seemed obvious that the Communists had suffered a severe setback that would reduce their propaganda weight in France.—Associated Press.

Gold Smuggling Seizure

Boston, Jan. 24.

Sol Bienstock, 30, of New York City was seized by customs agents today on charges of attempting to smuggle between $50,000 and $60,000 in gold out of the country.

Bienstock was seized as he was about to board a Trans-Atlantic plane bound for Lisbon, Madrid and Rome.

James O'Brien, chief customs inspector at Logan airport, said Bienstock was carrying two suitcases with false bottoms, a hand bag lines up with gold plate and a vest with 25 pounds of gold sewed into it.—United Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

All A Question Of Approach

FEARS are being expressed of the danger of a rift between the United States and Britain in consequence of their different attitudes to the Chinese Communists vis-a-vis Korea. The difference is one of approach rather than of aim. The United States seemingly believes that the time has come for "toughness;" Britain, sharing with her Commonwealth partners the views of Mr Nehru on this question, is convinced that opportunity still exists for a satisfactory solution to the problem without recourse to punitive action. How much American policy is being influenced by the clamours from Congressmen, some of whom are swayed purely by their emotions, and others who are merely endeavouring to make capital out of the situation, it is difficult from this distance to assess. But however indignant American public opinion may be about the wanton intervention of the Chinese Communists in Korea (and the rest of the democratic world feels just as keenly about it) the principal aim still remains to bring hostilities in Korea to as speedy an end as possible and to try and compose other differences which threaten the future of the Far East. There is no reason to believe that the United States disagrees with that aim, which is commonly shared by her friends and supporters in the United Nations. The issue, therefore, becomes one of means to attain the desired end. Britain's firm stand by negotiations, while at the same time appreciating the realities of the Chinese Communists' intervention in Korea, appeals as the more acceptable policy. To brand the Peking Government as an aggressor may fulfil the letter of the United Nations charter, but in itself accomplishes nothing to bring about a solution of a complex and very real problem. And it is extremely doubtful, were economic sanctions to be applied by the majority of the United Nations, whether they would achieve anything practical, save to drive Communist China even closer to Soviet Russia than she is today. Moreover, China could probably survive these sanctions inasmuch that she could continue to rely on Russia to keep her provided with war materials, while it is unlikely that the living standards of the people, always low and frugal, would be much more gravely impaired. Economic sanctions, therefore, might in effect only represent a gesture—and one which the Communist propagandists would most certainly exploit to the advantage of the Peking regime. Logically, therefore, if the branding of Communist China as an aggressor and the application of economic sanctions fulfils nothing, the next step inevitably must be punitive military action which could only create the very situation which everybody, including the United States, is trying to avoid. It is these considerations which, undoubtedly, are influencing Britain's present policy—a policy which some Americans apparently regard as a concession to appeasement. It is neither intended to be such, nor would the British Government ever allow it to become so. The important point today is that if the Peking Government is willing to join in a round table conference in a spirit of honourable compromise and prepared to help work out a fair and practicable solution of the Korea and complementary Far East problems, every effort should be made to bring about negotiations. If Mr Nehru has been correctly advised it would appear that the Chinese Communists are beginning to develop that mood. The United Nations, therefore, would be ill-advised to veto on resolutions the tenor and intention of which are calculated to drive the Peking Government further away from the conference table.

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GERMANY'S EXPORTS TO RED CHINA

Frankfurt, Jan. 24.

Thousands of tons of vital steel and iron goods were shipped from western Germany to Communist China during the last year, official German trade statistics revealed on Wednesday.

Foreign trade sources said this might be only a fraction of German goods shipped to China, since much more may have been routed as trans-shipments through Western European countries or Communist Eastern Germany.

Official statistics showed that in the first 11 months of 1950—the latest figure available—West German exports to China totalled $8,953,000 against imports worth $10,499,000. Despite the Korean war, both import and export figures revealed a sharp increase in trade in October and November.—United Press.

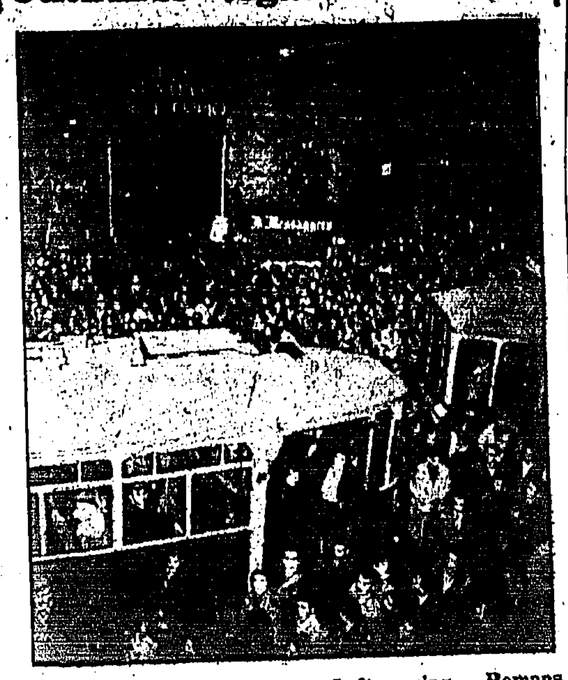
Cuts In Rubber Forecast

Washington, Jan. 24.

The Government disclosed that it is considering banning the use of rubber in "non-essential" products, such as bathing caps and teething rings.

At the same time, officials forecast a smaller overall supply of rubber for civilian use with growing substitution of synthetic for natural rubber in many products.—United Press.

Outburst Against "Ike"



Left-wing Romans turned out in force to demonstrate against the arrival of General Eisenhower in Italy for discussions on Italy's contribution to his European Army. Photo shows a demonstrator climbing on top of a tram while crowds mill around outside the Colle Oppio Theatre, where a Communist leader addressed a mass meeting. — AP Picture.

America To Attend At Colombo

Washington, Jan. 24.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson said at a news conference on Wednesday that the United States has accepted an invitation to participate in the meeting of British Commonwealth countries in Ceylon next month which will continue discussions on the "Colombo plan" for the economic and social development of South and South-east Asia.

The plan envisages a vast programme of mutual economic aid amongst the Commonwealth members over a period of five years.

Mr Acheson said the United States accepted the Ceylon Government's invitation to participate in the meeting, which begins on Feb. 5, because of the "opportunity it affords for further co-operation with countries of South and South-east Asia in their efforts toward economic and social development."—United Press.

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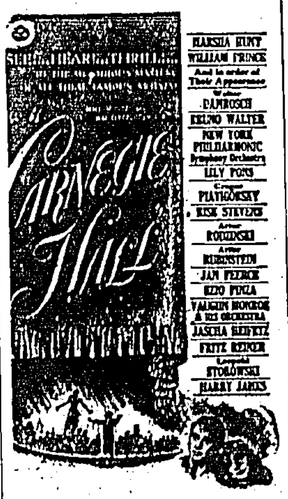

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New Guinea Eruption Horrors

Port Moresby, Jan. 24.

Rescue parties reported today that the "atom bomb" eruption of Mount Lamington, which killed 3,000 to 4,000 natives, littered the area with bodies stiffened in grotesque attitudes of attempted escape. The body of one white man was found sitting in a jeep with one hand on the ignition key.

Entire villages were buried when the volcano blew off its north face. Through an eerie world of trees shrivelled by blasts of intense heat the surviving natives walked about dazed, "like zombies." Sulphurous fumes and the stench of death filled the air.

The Government volcanologist, Mr G. Taylor, warned that Mount Lamington might erupt again in a few days, possibly Sunday. He said the new blast may be twice as severe.

The devastating series of eruptions began last Thursday. Thirty-five white people were among the dead.

Mr Claude Champion, Assistant Australian Government Secretary for New Guinea, found some of their bodies near the village of Higaturu. A Dr Martin and his wife and children were among those he identified.

Mr Champion said: "They were found near a jeep, apparently trying to escape. The jeep suspended from a tree stump 10 feet above the ground."

Nearby was the body of an unidentified European woman. Her wedding and engagement rings had been torn off her fingers.—United Press.

Brazen Effrontery

Washington, Jan. 24.

The US Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, today rejected as "brazen effrontery" what he called the "specious and false" charges made against the Western Allies by the Soviet Union in the Soviet notes to Britain, France and United States on January 20.

He said at his weekly press conference that the Soviet charges that the North Atlantic Alliance had aggressive aims were old allegations which were completely untrue.

He said the West had pointed out many times that the foundation of the North Atlantic Charter was one of collective self-defence which was recognised in the United Nations Charter.

Mr Acheson added that it was Russia alone who was standing in the way of an agreement to control conventional armaments and atomic armaments.—Reuter.

Big Three Prepared For Conference On Certain Conditions

London, Jan. 24.

Britain, France and the United States have agreed to a "Big Four" conference if Russia lifts the bar to a discussion of "all problems likely to threaten world peace," it was disclosed today.

Russia has so far stipulated that the sole subjects of the conference would be German demilitarisation and other German problems—a move aimed against Western plans for raising German units for European defence.

The replies also asked that Russia should permit a preliminary conference of the representatives of the four Powers to determine which problems should be included on the agenda and in what order.

This conference should be permitted some discussion of the substance of the issues involved, but it would not attempt to arrive at solutions of the problems, "this function being reserved for the Ministers themselves."

The British note repeated that Britain could "in no circumstances" accept the Prague proposals on Germany as a limitation upon, or the basis for, the discussions.

It said, "His Majesty's Government wish to emphasise, as was stated in their note of December 22, that the tension which exists in the world today does not arise from the German problem.

"A discussion limited to the questions proposed by the Soviet Government, therefore, would be inadequate and unreal."

The British note also pointed out that Britain's earlier note of December 22 had proposed that representatives of the "Big Four" should meet and examine international problems "with a view to finding a mutually acceptable basis for a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the four countries, and to recommend to their Governments a suitable agenda."

PARIS SUGGESTED

It added that these representatives would "need to give some consideration to the questions and problems involved in order to determine their formulation for inclusion in the agenda, as well as the order in which they would appear, so that the mutually acceptable basis referred to could be established."

The reply added that as regards a meeting place for the preliminary conference, the British Government were prepared to agree on Paris.

"His Majesty's Government renew their proposal of December 22 and hope that the Soviet Government is prepared to discuss the elimination of the principal causes of present international tensions, and that it will accordingly agree on the points mentioned above", the British note said.

READY TO SET DATE

"If the Soviet Government does agree, His Majesty's Government, for their part, are ready to set, in agreement with the Governments of the United States, France and the Soviet Union, the date of the exploratory meeting of representatives.

The Prague proposals, put forward by a meeting of East European Foreign Ministers, called for a ban on German remilitarisation, measures to prevent a build-up of Germany's war potential, immediate conclusion of a peace treaty with a united Germany and the withdrawal of all occupation forces one year after the treaty is signed.—Reuter.

Hope For Treaty With Japan

Honolulu, Jan. 24.

Mr John Foster Dulles, Republican adviser to the State Department on his way to Japan, said today he shared General MacArthur's hope that a Japanese peace treaty can be signed this year.

Mr Dulles refused to comment when asked if he might take up matters other than the peace treaty while in Japan. His plane took off from here this morning for Tokyo. He expects to return in about two weeks.—United Press.

JAPANESE WANT U.S. CAPITAL

Washington, Jan. 24.

Government officials said today that Hisato Ichimada, Governor of the Bank of Japan, had disclosed in his preliminary talks here that one of the principal aims of his trip to the United States is to try to interest more private American capital in investing in Japan.

While in Washington, Mr Ichimada is concerned principally with discussions of governmental and financial structures. His main opportunity to discuss private American investment in Japan will come when he goes to New York on February 2 for a 12-day stay.

American officials said they thought Ichimada and his arguments would be well received by New York financiers because the "climate" for private investment in Japan is considered to be much more favourable than in any other Asian country. They pointed out that two factors are regarded by United States businessmen and officials as making Japan a relatively good spot for private investment:

1. The existence of a "foreign investment board" which screens applications for outside investment to make certain that conditions are such as to ensure a fair profit which can be converted into foreign currency.

2. The Japanese law which provides that in the event the government should find it necessary to expropriate private foreign investments the owners would be reimbursed the full value in foreign currency.

When he goes to New York Ichimada hopes to see officials in the Chase National Bank, the National City Bank of New York, J. P. Morgan & Company, Irving Trust Company and Chemical Bank and Trust Company.

Officials here said Ichimada had explained to them that Japan's primary need in the line of foreign investment was for the purpose of modernising industrial plants and increasing the electric power output. Ichimada spent today conferring with the authorities of the Federal Reserve Bank.—United Press.

Resignation Of Dutch Cabinet

The Hague, Jan. 24.

The Coalition Cabinet of Premier Willem Drees resigned on Wednesday following two adverse votes in the lower Chamber on its policy regarding Dutch New Guinea.

The Drees Cabinet, formed after the August 1948 general election, was a coalition of Catholics and Socialists, with one Liberal—Foreign Minister D. U. Stikker—one Christian Historical and several non-partisan Ministers. — United Press.

The Hague, Jan. 24.

The Dutch Foreign Minister, Dr Dirk Stikker's, resignation today will also mean his resignation as Chairman of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation in Paris, it was learned authoritatively tonight.

The resignation of the Cabinet came after it had survived four no-confidence motions in the Second Chamber. Formed in July, 1948, on a coalition basis, it included members of the Socialist, Catholic, Freedom and Democracy (Liberals) and Christian Historical Parties.

The downfall followed a crisis arising from a motion by the Burgomaster of Rotterdam, and the leader of the Freedom Party, Mr P. J. Oud, expressing no confidence in the "unconstitutional" policy of the Government in its offer of settlement to Indonesia over the political status of Western New Guinea.

After the Foreign Minister had announced that he would resign if his own Freedom Party voted for the motion, Mr Oud attacked the whole Government by saying that it was "weak and tired and no longer able to cope with its problems."

When Mr Oud's critical motion was defeated by 64 votes to 26, Dr Stikker announced that he would resign.

The Cabinet then decided at a brief emergency meeting in the Parliamentary building to resign as well.

PREMIER'S SPEECH

Two highlights of the Prime Minister, Dr Willem Drees', fighting speech on the no-confidence motion were his vigorous defence of Dr Stikker and his sharp rebuke to Mr Oud.

He first pointed out that Dr Stikker had "given his country great prestige abroad" and ill deserved such a "rash attack" by a fellow Party Member.

He then declared that Mr Oud's conduct was "beneath the dignity of the Chamber and of Mr Oud."

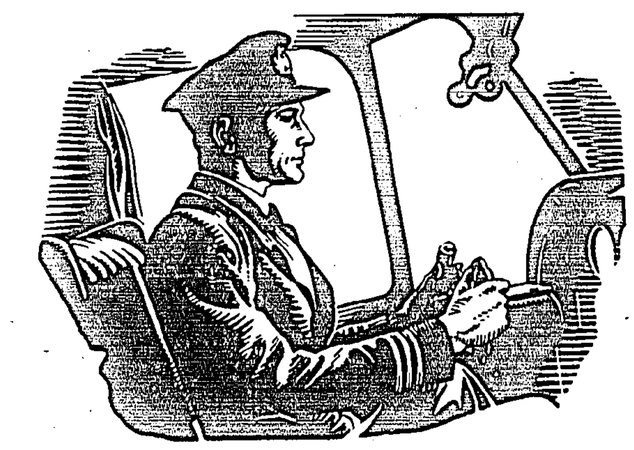
For the first time in Dutch Parliamentary history, an ordinary public session was broadcast in view of the intense interest in the debate all over the country.

All parties felt tonight that it would be difficult to find an alternative administration to replace that of Dr Drees.

They believed he would almost certainly carry out his programme—due to start this week—of visits to European countries and the United States to discuss the distribution of strategic raw materials.

Dr Stikker's resignation followed the dismissal yesterday of General Hendrik Kruls, the Chief of the General Staff, who had been fighting for longer conscription and a bigger army.

The Deputy Army Chief of Staff, General M.R.H. Calmeyer, resigned following General Kruls' dismissal.—Reuter.



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No Change In U.S. Attitude

Washington, Jan. 24.

Mr Dean Acheson, the US Secretary of State, declared here today that he had high hopes that the United Nations would go forward with the United States proposal to brand Communist China as an aggressor because of its intervention in the Korean war.

Mr Acheson, speaking at a press conference, seemed undisturbed at the widespread reports of a split over Far Eastern policy between the United States and the other North Atlantic Pact nations, particularly Britain.

Asked what he meant by taking action, Mr Acheson said he referred to the procedural action of the United Nations in passing the resolution.

Mr Acheson was then asked to comment upon the unanimous action taken by the United States Senate yesterday calling upon the United Nations to reject Communist China's demand for United Nations membership and to denounce that regime as the aggressor in Korea.

Mr Acheson said that these resolutions showed that the Senate was in agreement with the policy of the United States Government and later, under questioning, he endorsed both resolutions.

Mr Acheson said that he did not know in advance about the speech by Mr Clement Attlee, the British Prime Minister, in the House of Commons calling for patience by the United Nations regarding action on the question of Chinese Communist aggression.—Reuter.

"Point Four" Assistance

Washington, Jan. 24.

The State Department today announced that it had concluded a "Point Four" agreement for American technical assistance to the independent kingdom of Nepal and would undertake an immediate mineral survey project requested by that Government.

The mineral survey will be but one phase of technical assistance to be provided Nepal within the framework of the Point Four agreement.

The Department said the U.S. Department of the Interior mining expert, Rebert Sanford, is in New Delhi awaiting transportation to Katamandu.—United Press.

Challenge To Olo Custom?

Canberra, Jan. 24.

The Australian Government is campaigning against waste of time among civil servants by seeking to eliminate:

Late arrivals and early departures;

Newspaper reading during office hours;

Protracted tea breaks;

Outside trips during office hours; and

Long personal chats.—Reuter.

New Yorker Berserk In The UN

Lake Success Jan. 24.

A man who identified himself as an unemployed New Yorker with arthritis and "wife trouble," went berserk today in the United Nations main Political Committee room a few hours before the Committee resumed its debate there on the Far Eastern crisis.

Screaming "Freedom, freedom! I don't want to die!" the man knocked the name plates of 56 countries off the oval table and smashed two chairs.

United Nations guards finally subdued him and turned him over to the Lake Success police. A doctor administered two hypodermic shots to quiet him, but when that failed he was carried off manacled and screaming to Queen's General Hospital for observation.

The man identified himself as Joseph Gambin, 46, of New York City. He said he had been unemployed for nine years and was "under complete domination" of his wife.

Police guards who struggled half an hour to subdue him doubted his claim that he was a victim of severe arthritis.

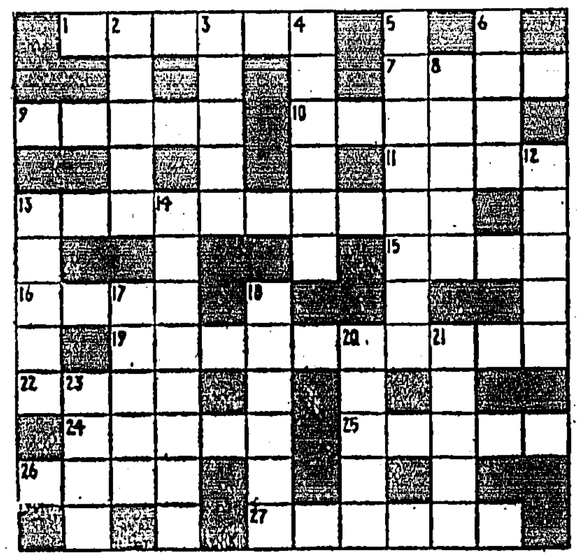
The man used the woodblock name-plate of Sweden to knock down the signs of all other nations except Luxembourg, Mexico and Lebanon, which were grouped in a corner of the room.—United Press.

Truman's Message To India

Washington, Jan. 24.

President Truman today sent a message offering the "heartiest congratulations and best wishes" to India on the first anniversary of the Republic.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Stableman.
7 Weapon.
9 Not so dark.
10 Light craft.
11 Wearies.
13 Immoderate.
15 Brink.
16 Seeds.
19 Disclosure.
22 Retreat.
24 Assembly.
25 Prompt.
26 Vanish gradually.
27 Saturated.

DOWN

2 Broadside.
3 Sensational.
4 Withdraw.
5 Contrite.
6 Try to find
8 Studied closely.
12 Gloss.
13 Urge forward.
14 Reticent.
17 Looked into closely.
18 Holiday.
20 Pungent.
21 Likeness.
23 Pertaining to wings.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Branch, 4 Chasm, 7 Drivel, 8 Inter, 10 Near, 12 Satiate, 15 Befit, 16 Clam, 17 Gulf, 19 Legal, 20 Emerald, 21 Pool, 23 Limit, 24 Pantry, 25 Feast, 26 Candid, Down: 1 Badinage, 2 Amicable, 3 Crew, 5 Handicap, 6 Siesta, 9 Rated, 11 Refrains, 12 Silly, 13 Allotted, 14 Employed, 18 Umpire, 22 Gala.

AMERICAN OPINION SHOWING A DECIDED ANTI-PEKING TREND

Washington, Jan. 24.

The Senate's unanimous vote on Tuesday demanding United Nations condemnation of Communist China as an aggressor and a ban against her admission to the United Nations, dramatically highlighted the public and Congressional pressure which has now made it virtually impossible for the President or the State Department to further consider a compromise with Peking.

That is the opinion of foreign diplomatic authorities here who have been closely watching in recent weeks the almost incredibly rapid growth of this sentiment.

The House of Representatives last week passed a similar resolution with only two or three dissenting voices heard.

Foreign diplomatic sources point out that this upsurge in American opinion will, barring some startling change in the trend of events, have repercussions exceeding far beyond any such relatively minor questions as a "reversal" of American policy toward Formosa.

They expect that the increased public and Congressional pressure for a "no quarter" attitude toward Communism in the Far East may result in the following developments in the near future:—

(1) The starting of United States pressure on European and other countries receiving American aid, to join in strict diplomatic and economic sanctions against Communist China.

(2) Active American promotion of an anti-Communist Pacific pact to be supported by a co-ordinated programme of United States military aid. The Administration, hitherto lukewarm to suggestions for such an alliance, has been showing increasing interest in the subject lately. The heightened Congressional desire for a Pacific pact was evidenced on Tuesday by the introduction in the House of Representatives of two resolutions—one calling for an anti-Red Pacific alliance and the other asking for an organisation for Far Eastern economic co-operation.

FORMOSA POLICY

(3) An immediate increase in the amount of war material being sent to Indo-China, Thailand, Burma, the Philippines and Indonesia to enable these countries to combat their domestic Communist menaces.

(4) Abandonment of the Administration's present policy of merely "neutralising" Formosa and acceptance of the theory held by General Douglas MacArthur that the United States must make every effort to help Chiang Kai-shek and his Nationalists to hold that beleaguered island.

(5) A widening of the split between the United States and India, whose mediation efforts in Peking are regarded by most Congressmen now as sheer "appeasement." This might have the effect of killing any hopes the State Department may have of securing up to $200,000,000 from Congress to enable India to obtain grain to avert famine.

Foreign diplomats here and State Department officials realise that it is difficult for Asian, Arab and most European countries to understand completely the intransigent attitude of the American public and Congress against further temporising with Peking. But being here in the midst of the domestic scene, they themselves readily see what has caused it.

They recognise that the following factors resulted in an emotional surge in the United States which has not been experienced elsewhere:—

WRATH AROUSED

(1) The growing American casualty lists from Korea created much more intense anti-Peking feeling here than in countries which have relatively few or no troops on the Asian peninsula. The fact that these casualties were inflicted by Chinese Communists is reflected in stiff determination to avoid anything which might be interpreted as "appeasement." Even if the State Department believes that further bargaining with the Chinese Communists might eventually result in saving of American lives, it cannot stand before the aroused wrath of the public and Congress on this subject. To agree to any concession to Peking now would create an irreparable rift between Congress and the Administration and damage the latter's chances of getting any of its foreign projects approved.

(2) The American public understands, rightly or wrongly, that its military forces are fighting in Korea at the direction of the United Nations. The average person, unskilled in the niceties of diplomacy, cannot understand the prolonged negotiations by the United Nations with a government which is killing United Nations soldiers and shows what appears to the American mind no intention to stop it.

The attitude of the American public, irrespective of the merits or demerits of such position, is that it is time the United States demanded that its friends and enemies stand up and be counted.

In the view of experienced diplomats and other observers there is no possibility of the Administration resisting this intense pressure, even if it wanted to do so.—United Press.

DRASTIC SECURITY TIGHTENING

Heidelberg, Jan. 24.

The United States Army has ordered a drastic tightening of security throughout its command in Germany, primarily to defeat German agents of the Soviet and Czech Intelligence Services.

The agents are mainly amateurs recruited with promises of easy money, by threats against relatives living behind the Iron Curtain, by the promise of adventure, or by romantic entanglements.

Few of those so far rounded up have been avowed Communists. United States Intelligence officers believe that West Germany's hard-boiled Communist professionals are waiting in the background for orders from Moscow to launch waves of sabotage and terrorism.

American agents say that the Soviet and Czech Intelligence Services are using the "saturation" method of espionage, in which scores of men and women, most of them comparatively inept, lay their hands on every scrap of information available.

This mass of information is then sent to Prague and Moscow for interpretation and evaluation by experts.

The list of United States Army headquarters' staff approved to handle secret documents has been cut. Officers having custody of important papers may not remove them from the headquarters compound. Exterior and interior security patrols have been strengthened and the Army's counter-intelligence corps is being reinforced.

Army public information officers, once full of candour, have suddenly developed the utmost reticence in commenting on anything except official announcements and routine matters. Officers generally, sources here say, have been given the order: "Button your lips."—Reuter.

Jewish Claims In Germany

Bonn, Jan. 24.

The Social Democrats in the Bonn Parliament have tabled a motion to allow the State of Israel to represent the financial interests of the Jews killed in German concentration camps.

The motion asked the Government to introduce a restitution law so that assistance could be granted from the property left behind by Jews murdered in Germany to Jews now in Israel and other places.—Reuter.

WINTER AS AN ALLY

Washington, Jan. 24.

The Korean winter might be the strong ally which holds the Communist enemy there in check, giving General Douglas MacArthur's divisions time to build up to normal strength, next spring, a high Army officer suggested today.

Asked why the military here and in Korea appeared to be taking a more optimistic view of the war, he replied: "Winter is fighting for us."

He said that battlefield checks show an increasing mortality among enemy troops from the bitter weather of Korea, a rate great enough to have significant military importance.

The reports of high casualty rates among the enemy because of the weather suggested that this might provide the necessary balance and time needed until the United Nations forces can be replenished.—Reuter.

French Patrol Successes

Saigon, Jan. 24.

French troops won several local battles yesterday in a widespread series of reconnaissance patrols and ambushes.

Announcing this tonight, a French High Command communique said that they killed 24 Vietminh soldiers and took 117 prisoners when they captured 30 junks on the Annam coast.—Reuter.

A Word Of Caution From Egypt

Exploring Peace Possibilities

Washington, Jan. 24.

The Egyptian Ambassador, Kamil Boy Abdul Rahim, said today that the United States should proceed "cautiously" in dealing with Communist China.

"Every possibility for peace should be explored before we talk of sanctions and other things," he said after he had conferred with the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr George McGhee.

He said he had merely wanted to offer Egypt's good services to Mr McGhee during his forthcoming trip to the Near East. Mr McGhee will leave shortly for Istanbul for a meeting with State Department officials stationed in the Middle East.

Commenting on the world situation, the Ambassador told the United Press: "We must not for any reason do anything which would precipitate war."

He indicated that he was inclined to think along the same lines as the British on the ceasefire debate in the United Nations.—United Press.

U.S. LIKELY TO AID INDIA

Washington. Jan. 24.

Mr Dean Acheson, the Secretary of State, today described the United States as sympathetic to a request of the Indian Government for two million tons of American wheat.

He said that the Government here was working on a programme to be put before Congress.

Asked whether the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru's, opposition to American policy on Korea was hurting his chances of obtaining Congressional approval of wheat funds, Mr Acheson said that he thought he had better not comment.—Reuter.

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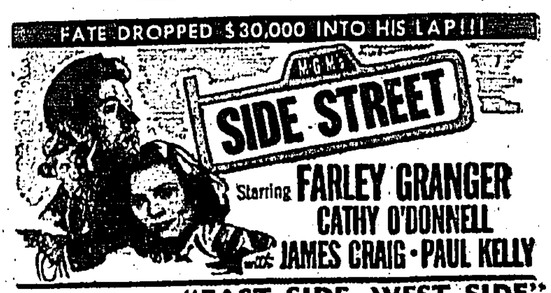

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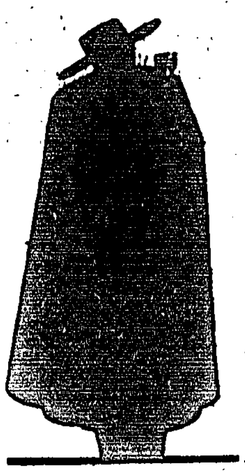

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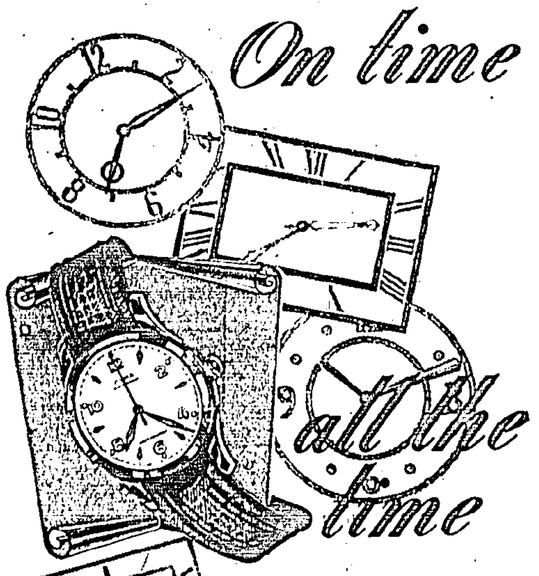

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MONTREAL TUESDAY

- *Canada is moving ever closer to Britain*
- *Her big problem today: Is conscription needed?*

THE temperature in Montreal is 20 degrees below that in New York. I am talking meteorologically.

Politically the temperature is 50 degrees below the temperature on the New York or Washington thermometer.

I have been in Canada only a few days, but long enough to know that in crossing the border I have moved a million miles away from ferocious argument, atom bomb apparition, and the counsel of defeat and despair.

A mass meeting was announced the first night I was in Montreal. I said: "Is it about foreign policy?" My Canadian friend said: "No, it's about building subways—underground railways you call them. The traffic problem here is terrible."

The big story

THERE was a big conference in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, where I am staying. I said: "Is it about rearmament?" My Canadian friend said: "No, it's about inflation—prices here are gigantic."

Gradually I have caught on to the Canadian design for living. I am back in near-normality. There are no Hoovers, Tafts, Kennedys here.

Premier St. Laurent is not being abused and assailed as is President Truman in the U. S. The Canadian Government of enlightened Liberals have the confidence of the country.

There is no crisis of leadership, no great debate, no tirade against Allies, Canada is altogether calm, completely collected, and possibly slightly apathetic. That is the lasting impression, but it is not the big story.

The big story is that the Canadians are taking two back steps away from the United States and three strides forward to the United Kingdom.

At slower tempo

LISTEN to Lester Pearson, Minister for External Affairs—Ernest Bevin's opposite number: "The closeness of Canadian - American relations should not be construed as meaning that Canada is moving inevitably and happily into union with the United States. That is not true.

"We are quite content with our present position of independence inside our Commonwealth of Nations. We may, of course, be wrong. But somehow or other we feel that our political and cultural and legal institutions are better for us than those of the United States would be. We move at a somewhat slower tempo in Canada, and we like it that way."

There is no doubt about the slower tempo. Snow - covered Montreal, with two-thirds of its 1,500,000 people French, and sometimes called the Paris of the New World, is ticking over quietly.

The 45 Montreal night clubs are placid. It is the American tourists, big with dollars and spouting with "know-how," who try to galvanise the elegant city, but they do not succeed.

At the moment Canadians are critical of their brash and bouncing neighbours south of the border—perhaps too critical. Many people I have met complain that the United States is treating Canada as if she were a weak and poor satellite.

Loyalty to Crown

THEY say that Canadians are being pushed around in Newfoundland and exploited in the oilfields of Alberta. They say: "The Yanks imagine that we are mere camp-followers."

Well, it is a Canadian and American argument and I will keep out of it. What makes me rejoice is the loyalty and love that the Canadian has for his Commonwealth and for his King. The King is King of Canada—and don't make any mistake about that.

I met a huge, handsome man in a hotel, a Colonel Vickers, who proclaimed: "I am a King's man, Canadian to the core, but as British as they come, and there are millions in Canada like me." His patriotism was overwhelming and slightly embarrassing.

Probably the most popular and respected man in Canada today is the Governor-General, Viscount Alexander. He is revered, and though he is probably the last of the Governors-General from Britain, Canadians tell me sadly: "The trouble is how to pick one from among Canadians. We don't want some politician or judge or party appointee—it's a big problem."

Our goods wanted

THIS affection for Britain shows itself also in the sales of British goods. The British motor-car industry sent 50,000 cars to Canada last year. They had a total import value of $70,000,000, which is big money hereabouts. It was a staggering achievement, and I bow to Sir William Rootes, to Lord Nuffield, to Mr Lord of Austins, and to Bertie Henly.

Before the last war scarcely any of our cars reached Canada, and even in 1949 we sent only 28,000. Just now there is a loud outcry to Ottawa about putting additional taxes on British cars.

Throughout Montreal in the handsome stores I have seen British goods — woollens and leather, silverware, rugs, cloth from Huddersfield, fine tweeds and shoes.

Even the traditional French-Canadian suspicion or hostility towards the British seems to have mellowed.

Tempests are brewing that will shake the Dominion. It is the same worn issue—Conscription. Soon the Government, under Mr St. Laurent, will have to make up their minds about the size of the Canadian Armed Forces.

At present they number about 62,000 men, and many Canadians (and all Americans) do not think that that is enough. If Canada, with a population of 14,000,000, had the proportionate Armed Forces of Britain it would be nearly 300,000 armed men.

Now Canada does not like to lag behind Britain, but the only way to get the men into uniform in such numbers is Conscription, and the French-Canadians, although Catholic and bitterly anti-Communist, are savagely opposed to this.

It is a huge problem for Mr St. Laurent, but if any man can solve it he will.

I have not said much about Korea in this Canadian Diary, because no one in Canada has said much to me about it. The fact is that Canadians resent the sneering and sniping from the wilder American Press about the Canadian role there.

Ready for strain

CANADA is, however, more vulnerable on the subject of taxation. The Canadian dollar is booming since it was freed last September—only four cents below the American dollar—and there is colossal prosperity (and prices) throughout the country.

Yet Canadian expenditure on defence is only around six percent, compared with the United States present 10 and proposed 15 percent. Naturally, Canadian income tax has not been as high as the American, and it is only about half of Britain's.

My own view, as an innocent bystander, is that the Canadians will tax themselves until it hurts whenever it is proved necessary.

After all, the average income here per year is only 1,000 dollars, compared with America's 1,600, and the cost of food, of rent, of clothing, of transportation is just a fraction below that of the United States. For Americans to say, as they are saying, of Canada: "Are they doing their share?" is an impertinence which accounts largely for the present highly critical attitude towards the United States.

I hope I have not given the impression that Canada is not fully aware of the Communist threat to her own and the free world's existence. Canada is very much aware. Her arsenals produced 10,000,000 dollars-worth of armament last year and will produce three to five times that amount this year. She has the drive and energy. She has the incredibly rich resources.

Men from home

WHAT she does need is more people—particularly British. The Canadian Government are willing to contribute handsomely towards the air-fare of any Briton wanting to emigrate here. She needs and wants, manpower. The jobs are waiting. The country is high, wide open, and handsome.

The gleaming snow and winking neon lights of Montreal and a hundred other cities beckon. Canada strides into maturity and calls for young Englishmen, Scotsmen, Welshmen, and Irishmen to stride with it.

Footnote (and Canadian reminder to her U.S. neighbour): Shouting often leads to shooting.

The sort of thing only a secretary could write about her boss

And for Blanche Patch the boss was Bernard Shaw

"I MEANT it to be a woman's book," said Miss Blanche Patch in her Kensington hotel bed-sitting-room. She was speaking of her book, "Thirty Years with G.B.S." which has just been published.

Perhaps it is not surprising that it has been left to a woman to put a little flesh and blood into the legendary old man who once described himself as "three-quarters ghost."

Of all the women round Bernard Shaw Miss Patch is the one to paint the most accurate portrait. For she was his secretary, a shrewd, independant person who was one of the few women to remain "Shaw-proof," immune to the old man's spell.

From her vantage point as a woman with an outsider's viewpoint and an inside pitch, Blanche Patch tells of Shaw's early eccentricities in dress. He had a collection of hats that rivalled Winston Churchill's, wore mittens knitted by Blanche, had all his socks "specially shaped" for each foot.

Infallible? No!

CONTRARY to his own belief Shaw was not always right. "Few people," reports Miss Patch, "can have gained a reputation as a prophet on more slender achievement. He was wrong about both the wars.

"He assured me that the Germans would not bomb London, and he was equally in error over the Jews in Palestine, Dempsey and Winston Churchill (who was going to die away when the party system came back)."

Shaw's industry was terrific. "I have always thought," says his secretary, "that he wrote too much. He would be an uncommonly devoted Shavian who today would cheerfully set out again to read through 'The Intelligent Woman's Guide to Socialism,' followed by 'Everybody's Political What's What?'"

[Note that question mark (?). Although "nobody dared disturb a comma in Shaw's work," Miss Patch omits the? in each of her three references to the book.]

Shaw's taciturnity (he would turn on a radio programme he disliked rather than have to talk at mealtimes) may have been inherited from his mother, who when asked whether she had any letters from her distinguished son, replied that they had always got on a postcard all that they had to say to one another.

On money

MISS PATCH turns the pages of her 30-years diary on Shaw and notes that:—

- HE looked on money as an irrelevance out of place in a civilised community. He flatly refused to face the fact that salaries earned before the war were quite insufficient in peace. In his own mind, Shaw priced everything at prewar standards and he really believed that we (his staff) were all on velvet.
- ON the day after Shaw's 93rd birthday Gene Tunney went down to Ayot and told him round by round of Mills' fight against Lesnevich. He was astonished that the old gentleman knew as much about them as he did.
- SHAW worked in a shelter . . . at the foot of the garden. He liked it because he could get down to his writing undisturbed . . . and his housekeeper could honestly inform callers that Mr Shaw was "out."
- ALTHOUGH he carried a watch the alarm clock was set each day to remind him when it was time for lunch. He never took any notice of it.
- SHAW stood guard over his works like a hen with chicks. It was because he would not have a line of his precious dialogue cut that he held out so long against any play being filmed.

More fun . . . .

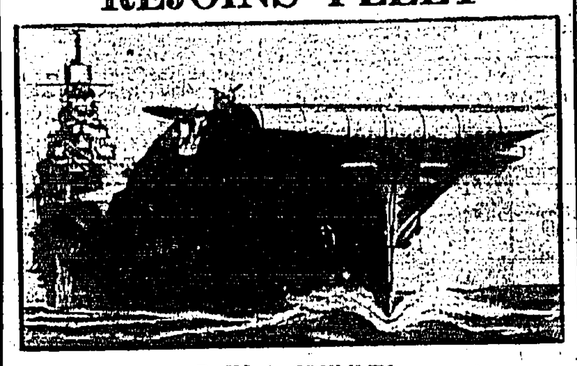
THE woman who has written these memories into a book made the first note nearly 30 years ago. "And I always intended to call it 'Thirty Years with G.B.S.'" She said.

Miss Patch lives in a "quiet hotel in Kensington" where they are used to celebrities. It is the hotel where acid-bath murderer Haigh met Mrs Durand-Deacon. Bernard Shaw's secretary had observed Haigh pretty shrewdly, too: "An insignificant little fellow . . . bit of an exhibitionist . . . for months I'd put him down as an incipient lunatic."

Shaw's secretary, a tall spare woman with a small grey head and excessively penetrating and wide-set grey eyes, said of her job: "Of course it was interesting, but in many ways I had more fun out of being a dispenser—before I became Shaw's secretary."

—(London Express Service)

THE INDOMITABLE REJOINS FLEET



By W. A. CRUMLEY

BRITAIN'S most powerful fighting ship, the reconstructed 23,000-ton aircraft carrier Indomitable, will reinforce the Home Fleet next month.

She has been completely refitted and her flight deck lengthened and strengthened for new types of naval jet planes.

Return of the Indomitable is the first stage of the rebuilding of the Fleets, which, with two new 36,000-ton aircraft-carriers, new heavy destroyers, and fast anti-submarine frigates, is designed to bring the Navy to effective strength in two to three years.

The programme, which includes total reconstruction of the Fleet aircraft-carriers Implacable and Victorious, is being rearranged so that at all times a reserve of ships in moth balls can be commissioned in emergency.

First details of the 1951 programme, disclosed by the Admiralty announced sailing of ships of the Home Fleet for joint exercises with the Mediterranean Fleet.

Before the Home Fleet comes home in March the Indomitable, an efficient fighting ship again, will replace Vanguard as the flagship.

Another reserve aircraft carrier, the 13,350-ton Warrior, is being ordered back to Korea with reinforcements of Navy men, Royal Marines, and aircraft.

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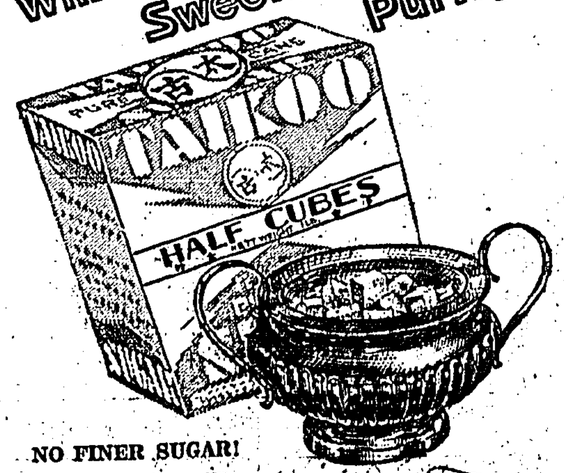

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THE STORY SO FAR

Teddy (Theodora) Raynor and her boy friend, Hugo Albright, go on a cruise in the luxury yacht, Golden Gull. Teddy's Aunt Elsie also goes along. The cruise has been arranged through Dr Smitting's travel agency, but the sponsor keeps mysteriously in the dark. Denis Graham, also a passenger, reveals to Teddy and Hugo that the Golden Gull was the name of a charitable secret society founded by her late father, and he suspects the cruise has something to do with it. Another passenger, Roy Parrin, an ex-acrobat, tells his wife Grace to get chummy with Teddy, who wonders why.

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HOWEVER, once inside her cabin she was soon gaily chatting again. There was something rather likable about her, but she was not an entertaining companion. Her interest in life seemed to be divided between bargains in clothes and admiration for her husband, to whom, she revealed she had not long been married.

Teddy tried to keep her talking about Parrin, but her remarks were limited to saying how wonderful he was and how much she wished Teddy had seen him perform. Teddy wanted to ask what he was doing now and why he had left the circus, but was afraid to be too inquisitive.

Finally, when Grace Parrin returned to the subject of clothes, Teddy decided it was useless to hope that anything of interest would be forthcoming from this interview.

She rose. "I must be going.."

Mrs Parrin glanced at her watch. "Goodness! I didn't realise I'd kept you so long. It was real sweet of you to come, Miss Raynor."

Under an avalanche of thanks, Teddy made her escape.

Returning to the deck, she found Hugo aft, smoking his pipe.

"Well!" he greeted her. "Where on earth have you been?"

"Hugo...I've some news for you. Parrin told his wife to make friends with me! That's where I've been—in her cabin."

She told him about it.

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"Humph," he grunted. "Well, we've known, ever since we sailed, that Parrin was mixed up in this business in some way."

"But I'm beginning to wonder if he isn't the head of the whole show!" said Teddy.

Hugo was thoughtful. "I'd be more inclined to class him as a henchman. Still, one never can tell...."

"I think," said Teddy, "that it would be a good idea, anyway, to encourage my budding friendship with Mrs Parrin, boring as she is. I might possibly succeed in prying something out of her."

Hugo knocked his pipe out. 'No! I think you'd better have nothing more to do with her. And I think you'd better be careful about striking up acquaintance with anyone on this boat!"

"But why?"

"Because I agree with Graham now that we may all be in danger of some sort. I don't know what, but it's in the air. We don't know just what we're up against!"

Teddy laughed. "You are getting scary! But I think you're crazy. There's plenty of mystery—I grant you that—but I can't believe there's any real danger. You're taking it much too seriously."

Hugo took hold of her shoulders. "Listen to me—when a woman comes to you and offers you secret information for five thousand dollars, it's time to take things seriously! Information worth five thousand dollars is no laughing matter!"

"But you said you thought she was bluffing".

"I'm not so sure now. And another thing—I meant what I said this morning when I told you to have no more private dealings with that stewardess. If she approaches you again, you send for me! Do you understand?"

Teddy was irritated at being ordered about like this.

"No, I don't understand!" she said angrily. "I'll not have you dictating to me, Hugo! If I choose to talk to that woman again, I'll do so—without your permission!"

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"Oh, you little idiot...."

Hugo broke off, and suddenly caught her to him, holding her close.

"Forgive me honey.... It's just that I love you so much, and don't want you taking any chances...."

His lips were on her forehead, then hungrily found her mouth. She did not resist and, when she finally drew away from him, her eyes were soft and shining.

"Hugo...."

"So you do care?" he whispered, looking as though he had discovered a new world.

"Our course, darling..."

He gathered her in his arms and kissed her again.

"When—when will you marry me, sweetheart?"

"Just as soon as we get back to New York." Teddy's voice was like a song.

For a long time after that, they were silent, holding hands and gazing out over the calm sea at the sun, setting in a blaze of glory.

Presently, they began making plans for the future, building castles in the air. They were still there, talking and planning, when the dinner gong rang.

They were late for dinner and as they slipped into their places Teddy was surprised to see John Carper's cold face break into a smile.

"Nice up on deck, eh?" he remarked, with almost a twinkle in his eye.

"Yes," Teddy murmured, blushing. "A perfectly lovely sunset!"

Carper's eyes remained on her. "You know, Miss Raynor," he said unexpectedly, "you look a lot like your father."

"Oh! Did you know my father?"

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"Yes—quite well, in a business way. Particularly back in the days when we were both young men, struggling to get ahead."

"I see."

Teddy wondered, though, if he had also known him through the Golden Gull society. If Denis Graham was right, all these people—Professor Turner, Mrs Marvis, the Stoddards—might have known her father as members of the Order of the Golden Gull.

"In fact," Carper continued, in his dry, precise voice, "I even bore a grudge against him for many years because he refused to go into partnership with me. That was long ago." He made a sound that was meant for a chuckle. "But as things turned out it was more his loss than mine!"

Aunt Elsie suddenly spoke up, with a tartness that surprised Teddy.

"If you mean, Mr Carper, that you made the larger fortune, I don't think my brother would have considered that a loss! Money meant nothing to him, and he had all he wanted, thank you—more than he knew what to do with!"

Carper's face had become icy again. "There are always things to do with more money," he said coolly.

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For a moment there was an atmosphere of tension about the table. Then Professor Turner started an amiable conversation with Teddy. That broke the tension, and the meal ended more or less pleasantly.

After dinner, Teddy and Hugo repaired to the boat deck. They found a couple of chairs in a secluded corner and settled down to enjoy the moonlight.

They were scarcely seated, however, when they heard voices approaching. Teddy bent forward and peeped around the corner.

"It's Aunt Elsie and Professor Turner!" she whispered.

The pair paused a short distance away, and Teddy and Hugo could hear Aunt Elsie speaking.

"....My brother Henry would not have anything to do with Carper because he didn't approve of his business methods," she was saying. "He told Carper so and, for years, there was bad blood between them. Later, it wore off, but I don't think they saw anything of one another. At least, Carper never came to the house, and Henry never spoke of seeing him."

"Hmm! That doesn't prove he didn't see him," Professor Turner remarked slowly. "You say your brother never told you, either, of the secret society."

"No—though I suspected he was up to something, and I once found a slip of paper in his desk, with the words Golden Gull written on it...."

Aunt Elsie's voice drifted away, as she and the professor moved off. Teddy and Hugo were left staring at each other in wonderment.

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"Well!" said Teddy, when she had made sure that her aunt and the professor had gone down to the lower deck. "Auntie and the professor seem to be getting very thick! What did you make of that conversation, Hugo?"

"I'd say that our friend the professor is another ex-member of the Golden Gull society! And that he suspects Carper of being one, too. He apparently has told your aunt about the society, and was trying to find out from her whether she knew of any meetings between your father and Carper at the time the society existed."

It was late when Teddy finally said good-night to Hugo, and went down to her cabin. She was surprised to find that Aunt Elsie was not yet down.

She was in bed before her aunt, looking self-conscious, at last appeared.

"Well, Auntie! I'd about given you up for lost!"

"You're early, my dear!" Aunt Elsie evaded briskly.

Teddy laughed. "I'm not early—you're late!"

"So pleasant on deck," her aunt murmured.

"And Professor Turner is so nice!"

Aunt Elsie stiffened slightly. "A very interesting gentleman ...."

Teddy hesitated, then said, "Auntie....Hugo and I happened to overhear part of your conversation with him this evening, up on the boat deck, and we both thought that you should be warned not to talk too freely to the other passengers."

Half expecting a rebuke for eavesdropping, Teddy was surprised by her aunt's reaction. The older woman turned quickly, her face suddenly very sober.

"That's what Richard said!"

"Richard!" exclaimed Teddy. "You are getting chummy with him!"

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Aunt Elsie shrugged that aside. "He, too, told me to be careful not to talk too much. He feels that things are not quite as they should be on this cruise."

"My dear Miss Raynor," said the professor when Teddy spoke to him next morning, "you sound quite ominous! I had no particular reason."

Teddy looked at him steadily. "Professor, please don't take me for a fool. You know perfectly well that you think there is something funny about this cruise—you told my aunt so." She paused. "I'm trying to find out what you know about it."

The professor's manner changed. "May I counter by asking what you know?"

Teddy hesitated, wondering if it was safe to confide in him. He seemed to understand her hesitancy, and spoke again.

"Apparently you are better informed than I thought," he said slowly. "I merely have suspicions. I was attracted to the cruise in the first place by the fact that the yacht was named the Golden Gull. And since we've sailed, I've become convinced that there is something peculiar behind it. That is why I cautioned your aunt."

"Just what are your suspicions?" Teddy asked.

"I can't define them. I believe, however, that the Order of the Golden Gull is involved in some way, and that there are other ex-members besides myself among the yacht's passengers. But I can only guess at that, for I never knew the identities of my fellow members."

"Is that really all you can tell me?"

"On my word."

Teddy was disappointed. He had told her no more than she had heard from Denis Graham before the cruise had even started. She had hoped for something more definite.

She quickly finished her breakfast, then left the professor, and started back to her cabin.

Turning into her corridor, she found the stewardess, Marie Galgan, lurking there. She was wondering whether to stop and speak to her when the woman, brushing past her, slipped a folded bit of paper into her hand.

The next moment the stewardess was gone.

Teddy, hurrying into her cabin, was relieved to find that her aunt was gone. She carefully closed and locked the door.

Not until then did she examine the folded bit of paper that Marie Galgan had slipped into her hand. She opened it and read the scrawled note:

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"Meet me at 10 p.m. tonight beside lifeboat No. 3. Tell no one. Danger for both you and me if you do. Burn this."

Teddy's first reaction was anger that the woman dared to write her a peremptory note like this after she had made it plain that she wished to have no dealings with her.

Then her curiosity got the better of her. Swallowing her anger, she decided she had better keep the rendezvous. Possibly she could pump something out of the woman without actually agreeing to pay her the price she demanded.

Teddy read the note again. Should she tell Hugo about this? She knew she ought to, despite its warning of danger, but she also knew that, if she did, he would try to interfere, and might scare Marie Galgan off.

No, she decided, she wouldn't tell him until afterwards. He would be angry, but never mind. She felt it best to handle this alone, no matter what he might say.

Her mind made up, she set fire to the note, and dropped it into an ashtray. In a moment, nothing was left of it but ashes.

Later, when she met Hugo, she told him of her interview with Professor Turner, but said nothing about Marie Galgan. She felt a bit guilty over, the secret she was keeping from him, but determinedly downed the feeling

The day passed with no further unusual incidents, and when, in the afternoon, Dr Smitting organised deck-tennis, and shuffleboard tournaments, the cruise took on such a normal aspect that it was hard for Teddy to realise there was mystery lurking in the background.

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The normal atmosphere continued into the evening. After dinner, the Stoddards started their usual game of bridge in the lounge, roping in Auntie Elsie and John Carper, with Professor Turner looking on. The other passengers sought amusement in one way or another, and Dr Smitting hovered about solicitously.

Teddy and Hugo, after spending a little time on deck with Denis Graham and Charis Winslowe, wandered into the lounge, watched the bridge game for a while, then settled down in a corner to talk.

Everything seemed peaceful and serene. But Teddy, as the time neared for her meeting with the stewardess, found herself growing nervous, and was so absent-minded in her replies to Hugo's remarks that he commented on it. She was greatly tempted to confide in him, after all—and almost did. In the end, however, she stuck to her original decision and kept silent.

At five minutes to ten, on the pretext of getting something from her cabin, she left Hugo, and slipped away.

After making sure she was not followed, she climbed to the upper deck, and made her way to the vicinity of lifeboat No. 3. Finding that Marie Galgan had not yet come, she leaned against the rail, and waited.

Earlier, there had been a moon, but clouds now blacked it out and, as Teddy stood there, waiting, her nervousness increased. It suddenly occurred to her that, alone here in the darkness, she was quite defenceless if any one wanted to take her by surprise.

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Suppose that note from the stewardess was a trap of some sort? Suppose, for instance, that someone should creep up on her and, before she could even make an outcry, throw her overboard? All sorts of wild possibilities flashed through her mind. She gave way to momentary panic, and almost rushed back down to the lounge to Hugo.

Then, with an effort, she controlled her nerves. After all, what reason could any one have for harming her? She wished, though, that she at least had a weapon of some sort.....

The minutes passed, and still there was no sign of Marie Galgan. Teddy glanced at the illuminated dial of her wrist watch. It was ten past ten. Where was the woman? Could something have happened to prevent her from coming?

Teddy had just about decided to wait no longer, when she heard cautious footsteps approaching. At last! She drew a deep breath, her heart pounding.

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Then, the footsteps ceased on the other side of the lifeboat, and Teddy was surprised to get a whiff of cigarette smoke. Surely the stewardess wouldn't be smoking when she came to meet her. It must be someone else. Who?

She was about to peep around the lifeboat when she heard the person move away. She stepped out from behind her shelter just in time to catch sight of a woman starting down the ladder to the lower deck. It was too large a woman to be Marie Galgan.

Then, Teddy saw that it was Mrs Marvis. Now, why had she come up here? Teddy, in her present frame of mind, was ready to seek hidden reasons for everything. Of course, the widow might simply be taking a stroll, but her footsteps had somehow sounded so cautious. Had she, too, come up here to meet someone?

Teddy waited another five minutes, then gave up her vigil. She wasn't going to wait here all night for the stewardess!

As she went down the ladder, she saw Mrs Marvis standing near the foot of it. The writer was looking at her sharply, with a strange expression on her face.

"Well, Miss Raynor!" said Mrs Marvis, in her high, thin voice. "What have you been up to?"

Teddy smiled nervously. "A little exercise before going to bed."

"Alone?"

Teddy bristled. What right had the woman to quiz her like this!

"You, too, seem to be alone!" she retorted.

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"That's different," Mrs Marvis remarked. Then she added abruptly, "I didn't see you on the boat deck when I was there a few minutes ago."

"Were you looking for me?" Teddy countered.

"I was looking for anyone who might be there."

"Have you appointed yourself to check up on everyone's whereabouts?" Teddy asked sarcastically.

"Someone should," was Mrs Marvis' surprising reply. "Hasn't it struck you, Miss Raynor, that we are a rather strange group of passengers?"

Teddy thought that here, at least, was one strange passenger.

But she said casually, "Are we any stranger than most cruise groups?"

"I didn't mean it quite that way," Mrs Marvis paused, looking at Teddy intently. "And I think you know what I do mean, Miss Raynor!"

"Afraid I don't," Teddy hedged.

"Miss Raynor....why did you come on this cruise?"

"For a holiday, of course. Why else?"

"That's not the truth!" Mrs Marvis said bluntly. "There are only two reasons for anyone being on board this yacht—fear or curiosity!"

Teddy stared at her, then laughed, "You have a good plot for a story there, Mrs Marvis!"

"If that were all!" said the writer. "But let me give you a hint, Miss Raynor — don't wander around alone at night!"

With that, she turned on her heel and walked away.

Teddy went on to the lounge, where she found Hugo wondering what had become of her. She drew him into a corner, out of earshot of the bridge players, and told him of her amazing conversation with Mrs Marvis, leaving out the reference to her own solitary visit to the boat deck.

"Hmm," said Hugo. "Well, it just ties in with everything else. I wouldn't be surprised by anything that's said or done on this cruise. But she gave you good advice, anyway—about not wandering around alone. And I second it!"

Soon after that Teddy went down to bed, but it was a long time before she could get to sleep. All this mystery was getting on her nerves.

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The next morning, she awoke feeling tired and in a bad humour. As her aunt, too, was cross, she was glad to escape from their cabin as soon as she was dressed.

She went on deck, but an overcast sky and oppressive atmosphere only added to her low spirits. When she saw Cecil Stoddard coming toward her she felt too listless to make any attempt to avoid him.

"Good morning," he said. "Beastly weather, isn't it?"

Teddy acknowledged his greeting with a murmur.

Leaning against the rail at her side, he drew out a silk handkerchief and began polishing his monocle. He seemed to have no desire to talk and for several minutes they stood there without speaking. Teddy didn't mind—she was only too glad not to have to make conversation with him.

Suddenly he muttered something under his breath and stuck his monocle in his eye.

"That blasted fellow again!"

Teddy, who had been staring out over the water, turned to see Roy Parrin approaching them.

"Morning, Miss Raynor," said the ex-acrobat. "'Lo, Stoddard."

"Mister Stoddard to you," Cecil said coldly.

Parrin's mouth tightened into a thin line, but he said nothing.

"And," Cecil added, "I'm getting tired of having you on my heels all the time, Parrin!"

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"Think you're too good for me?" Parrin sneered.

"I'm simply tired of being trailed. So run along, please. I'll let you know if I want your company."

It was a few minutes later that Hugo came hurrying along the deck, his face strangely white.

"Teddy!" he said, as he reached her side. "Something awful has happened!"

A chill shot through her. "Wh—what?"

"Marie Galgan has been murdered!"

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

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Phonevision Scares Cinema Owners

From FREDERICK COOK

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WITH fewer people going to the pictures every week, America's cinema owners are worried men. Now they have a new trouble. Phonevision has arrived. It may mean that millions will never go to the cinema again.

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Phonevision spread a chill through the Hollywood studios when word of what was afoot in Chicago leaked out in May 1949. Cinema owners were even more worried.

CHICAGO TEST

The studios, worried about offending cinema owners, talked of refusing to supply pictures. But since then TV in the U.S.A. has reached at least 10,000,000 homes and cinema attendances are slumping tremendously.

Hollywood is now inclined to think that any outlet for films is better than none.

Despite discouragements, Lieut.-Commander E. F. McDonald, head of the million dollar Zenith Radio Corporation of Chicago, whose brainchild the whole thing was, went ahead. Somehow he got films. And he got permission to try Phonevision outside the laboratory, in the homes of 300 Chicago families.

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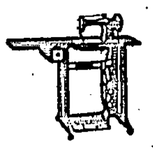
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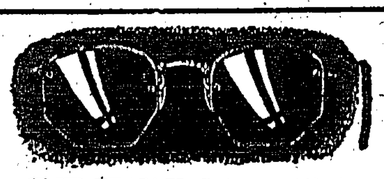
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Pennant aspirants having reached a point bordering on exhaustion as a result of all-out efforts during the past few weeks, League rivals have called a truce for the time being as International rivalry in the semi-final stage dominates the scene once again.

With the cessation of hostilities, we thought it would be a good idea to review the possibilities of the probable Big Four who will tangle in the final mad scramble for the bunting.

The Braves and Jaguars in the Blue and Gold sections are dead certainties to fill two of the coveted four playoff positions, while South China, who were considered to be hot favourites a week ago, now find themselves on the fringe of a fadeout, having dropped an important decision to the Madcaps.

St Joseph's, who have been given one more chance as a result of South China's loss, now become a potential threat. Strengthened by the return of their Criss—Perry battery, they can afford to look through rosy bifocals when they meet South China again with all the blue chips stacked in the coming game.

PANDAS OR CANADIANS?

In the Blue section, the struggle for the other playoff position is between the Pandas and the Canadians, both teams being about even in strength on the whole. Under such conditions, the outcome is usually decided on a timely hit or an error at the wrong moment, with the result dependent on the whims and fancies of the gods.

Round about this time, when every win counts, tempers are likely to get frayed in the heat of the moment, and recently two such incidents were noticed—the first one resulting in the unhappy suspension of a player.

His majesty the umn has the final say in a decision based on judgment and no amount of jawbation can ever make him change his mind, but that doesn't mean a team manager must relinquish the right of a squawk now and again—that is softball.

On the other hand, the umpire must realise that whereas he can penalise a player for abuse, it is his duty to overlook the verbal barbs while still retaining a firm control of the game, and not to aggravate the situation further with vitriolic outbursts of temper which either provoke a player or manager to counter with an impulsive, but natural, retort which is likely to result in a "scene," or the alternative of slinking away with a hang dog look—which is one thing a manager will never do.

Often, too, the losing team will leave the field with the feeling that the arbiters are blassed—which they never are—and if contestants would only take the decisions with open minds, a great deal would have been achieved.

THE WEEK-END PROGRAMME

The week-end Softball programme with umpires and scorers is:

SATURDAY
JUNIOR LEAGUE

2.00 p.m. Griffins v Aces
(George Pang and R. Barretto)
Wildfires v Spartans
(R. Souza, Tony Rey and F. Barnes)
3.30 p.m. Falcons v Blackhawks
(Frankie Xavier and G. Pang).

LADIES LEAGUE

3.30 p.m. Pirates v Squaws
(Ingmar Eriksen and B. Silva).

MIDGET LEAGUE

10.30 a.m. Lions v Delawares
(George Pang and F. Diesta)
12.00 noon St Joseph's v. Jaguars
(F. Diesta and George Pang).

SUNDAY
INTERNATIONAL SERIES
MEN'S

1.30 p.m. America v Portugal
(Hal Winlee, Bob Low, T. Hussain; Alice Mar)
3.00 p.m. Great Britain v China
(Chas. Figueiredo, Bill Silva, Art Ozorio; Wanda Rodriques).

LADIES

11.00 a.m. Great Britain v. Portugal
(F. A. Ewins, Wally Ma, Raymond Tsao; Tony Kowk).

JUNIOR LEAGUE

9.30 a.m. South China v Falcons
(George Pang, Roberto Nunes, M. Nunes; F. Diesta)
Dragons v Wildfires
(R. Barretto, Bill Silva, Al Souza; Frankie Barnes).

Welsh Rugger Team Against Scotland

London, Jan. 24.

The Welsh Rugby Union team to play Scotland at Murrayfield, Edinburgh, on Feb. 3 shows one change from the outfit that so decisively defeated England at Swansea last Saturday.

Peter Evans, the Llanelly forward who came into the side at the last minute because of an injury to Allen Forward, of Pontypool, drops out to make room for Forward, a new "cap."

The Welsh team as selected will be: Gerwyn Williams (Llanelly), Ken Jones (Newport), Jack Matthews (Cardiff), Lewis Jones (Devonport Services), Malcolm Thomas (Devonport Services), Glyn Davies (Cambridge University); F. Willis (Cardiff), Cliff Davies (Cardiff), D. Davies (Somerset Police), J. D. Robins (Birkenhead Park), A. John (Neath), F. J. Haywand (New Bridge), A. Forward (Pontypool), J. Gwillam (Edinburgh Wanderers) and R. T. Evans (Newport).—Associated Press.

GREAT SALE

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Squash Tourney Results

Playing the best match of the evening in the first section of the Second Round of the Colony Open Squash Championships last night, G. H. Pritchard beat R. S. Kingsford by 3-9, 7-9, 9-7, 10-8 and 9-1 to qualify for the Quarter-finals against Jacomb Hood next Monday.

G. E. P. Hutchins, who beat R. M. MacPherson by 9-5, 8-10, 9-5, 9-7, will play D. I. Bosanquet in the Quarter-finals.

Last night's results:
D. I. Bosanquet beat C.G.M. Morrison; G.E.P. Hutchins beat R.M. MacPherson; Jacomb Hood beat Noel Johnson; G.H. Pritchard beat H.S. Kingsford.

Tonight's matches are:—J.R. MacDonald v A.J. Wheatcroft; P. Crossley v M.W.G. Fawcett; R.M. Hetherington v E. Cumine; R.G. Colman v P. Welch.

HOW THEY STAND
SENIOR LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	Pctg
Blues:			
Braves	8	0	1.000
Canadians	7	2	.778
Overseas	6	3	.667
Pandas	5	3	.625
Americans	4	5	.444
Reds	1	9	.100
Dodgers	0	9	.000
Golds:			
Jaguars	7	1	.875
South China	8	2	.800
St. Joseph's	6	3	.667
Madcaps	6	4	.600
Baseballers	2	6	.250
St. Teresa's	2	8	.200
Panthers	1	8	.111

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Blues:			
Blackhawks	11	0	1.000
Delawares	8	3	.727
Griffins	7	4	.636
Aces	6	5	.545
St. Teresa's	5	6	.455
Falcons	3	8	.273
South China	1	8	.111
Mustangs	1	9	.100
Golds:			
Dragons	9	1	.900
Rexes	8	1	.889
Wildfires	5	4	.556
Vikings	5	5	.500
Pandas	4	7	.364
Dodgers	1	8	.111
Spartans	1	7	.125

LADIES LEAGUE

Wahoos	10	0	1.000
St. Teresa's	8	1	.889
Canadians	7	2	.778
Squaws	4	4	.500
Clovers	4	8	.333
White Fangs	1	9	.100
Pirates	1	11	.083

MIDGET LEAGUE

Dodgers	5	0	1.000
Delawares	4	1	.800
St. Joseph's	4	2	.667
Blackhawks	3	2	.600
Lions	2	5	.286
Jaguars	1	3	.250
Black Arrows	1	6	.143

Gremlins Play School On Sunday

The Senior Gremlins meet King George V School "A" in the only needle match in the Ladies' Hockey League on Sunday and Victorian and Recreio hopes will be on a Gremlin victory.

With the Dutch Ladies having conceded a walkover in their postponed game against Recreio, the standings of the four teams in the running for the Championship promise a very close finish. These are:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
KGVS	8	7	1	1	33	7	13
Recreio	8	6	0	2	20	7	12
Victorians	8	6	0	2	23	11	12
Gremlins	8	5	1	2	18	4	11

The Gremlins' goal average suggests the strongest defence in the League, though the Victorians, who have had 11 goals scored against them as against the Gremlins' four, are generally considered to have the strongest half-back and full-back line and Recreio, with seven goals scored against them, have the two best full-backs.

THE RECORD

The Gremlins' record against the other members of the "Big Four" is 0-1 and 0-1 against Recreio, 2-1 against the Victorians and 1-1 against the School. They can't afford to lose to the School on Sunday.

The School showed 4-2 and 1-2 against the Victorians; 1-1 against Gremlins and 3-2 against Recreio.

Victorians beat Recreio 2-0 and these results prove quite conclusively that there isn't much of a margin of superiority between any of these four teams.

The programme for Sunday is:

Dutch v Victorians at Pokfulam, 11.30 a.m.;
Gremlins "A" v KGVS "A" at King George V School, 3 p.m.
Recreio v University at King's Park, 3 p.m.; and
KGVS "B" v. Gremlins "B" at King George V School, 4 p.m.

Popular Clamour May Bring About Drastic Penalties Against Handling In Soccer

Says VERNON MORGAN

London, Jan. 24.

It was not so very long ago that it was suggested in these columns that the Football Association should alter its rules to allow referees to award goals when they thought they would have been scored but for a foul.

Today this has become a popular clamour with West Bromwich knocked out of the Cup because a Derby County defender handled the ball as it was entering the net and Southampton failing to win a League game because one of the Luton defenders pushed the ball over the bar.

In both instances the goalkeeper had been beaten and certain goals would have eventuated but for the foul handling of backs. Both penalty kicks failed.

END JUSTIFIES MEANS?

Arguments are now taking place not only as to whether or not the Football Association should bring in a new law at once but between those who say that the defenders did right and are to be complimented on doing what they did and those who call them "cads" or some such word.

Those for the players say the rules allow them to prevent goals by handling, and even by fouling, if they are prepared to run the risk of a penalty kick. They say the defenders saved a certain goal for a problematical one and the ends justified the means when both kicks from the spot failed to get goals.

Those against the players say it is cheating and that it is committing a deliberate offence which no real sportsman would do in any game.

Many of those for the defenders are readily prepared to admit there ought to be a stiffer penalty for preventing certain goals but say that until there is the Football Association, not the players, should be blamed.

"DAYLIGHT ROBBERY"

Suggestions are many for preventing this "daylight robbery", as many describe it; some think there ought to be a special penalty spot just near the goal which would make it virtually impossible for the goalkeeper to save.

Some say that the goalkeeper ought not to be allowed in the goal at all and the attacking man taking the kick should have an empty net into which to shoot. There are all kinds of suggestions.

Everyone seems to agree that it is manifestly unfair for the same penalty to obtain for an attacker brought down or the ball handled at the extreme end of the penalty area when it was doubtful whether the attackers would have scored, and the case of the attacker or his shot stopped illegally when nothing but an earthquake could have saved a goal.

Several football writers say that riots would often ensue if a referee gave one side a goal without a penalty kick being taken.

But surely that should not be an excuse for not passing a law to allow them to do so.

On the other hand, it must not be overlooked that back in the eighties the Football Association did pass such a law, but it only lasted a year because it "would not work."

Still, times have changed. Referees are stronger and one hopes crowds are more sporting. Most sides would not object to a referee having this goal-awarding power if they felt they could trust the official, as they ought to be able to do.

DIFFERENT MATTER

With crowds, most of them not so well up in the laws of the game and in many cases very partisan, it is a different matter.

In Rugby football the referee possesses this power, so why not in soccer? The Rugby rule reads: "The referee shall award a try if, in his opinion, one would undoubtedly have been obtained but for the unfair play or unlawful interference of the defending team. Such a try shall be awarded between the posts."

This means that not only does the attacking side get the three points which it would certainly have scored, but the defending side is further penalised by having the try given between the posts.

This means a virtual certainty of another two points. So defenders lose not only the three points they would have lost anyway but they are also penalised virtually another two points, even though the offence may have occurred at the corner flag.

On this analogy, soccer referees would not only give the attacking side one goal but also award them a penalty from which they would have the chance of scoring a second.

There would not be any illegal handling in the goal-mouth then!—Reuter.

WEEK-END CRICKET TEAMS

The following are Club teams for cricket matches this week-end:

OPTIMISTS

HKCC "Optimists" against RAF at Chater Road on Saturday, January 27, at 1.45 p.m.

R. Macpherson, R. G. Craig, N. R. Oliver, N. E. Arthy, L. D. Kilbee, G. H. P. Pritchard, A. P. Raynor, L. White, G. T. Rowe, R. Thexton Ender, W. L. Howard and F. Thorpe. Umpire: S/Ldr E. Lewis.

KCC

KCC 1st XI against Royal Navy at KCC on Saturday, commencing at 1.45 p.m. — R.E. Lee (Captain), R.A. Bell, W.M. Davidson, P.V. Dodge, S.V. Gittins, A.T. Lee, J. Leriou, J.V. Sellors, C.P. Smith, C.I. Stapleton, A. Zimmern. Umpire, O. Logan. Scorer, J.P. Robinson.

KCC 2nd XI against Royal Navy at King's Park on Saturday, commencing at 1.45 p.m. — E.C. Fincher (Captain), N. Hart-Baker, K.E. Greene, A.J. Catley, E.A. Lee, A.P. Weir, C.S. Ramage, A.L. Ricketts, E. Randall, W.H. Cowie, R. Thompson. Reserves, S. Bishop and D.R. Anderson.

ARMY

Army 1st XI against IRC at Sookunpoo on Saturday, commencing 1.45 p.m. — Major Wilson, Capt Campbell, Capt Haycraft, Capt Robertson-McLeod, Capt Corfield, Capt Harding, Lt Williams, Lt Maynard, Lt Nicholson, Sgmn Brookes and A.N. Other. Reserve, Capt Grant. Umpire, J.U. Hall. Scorer, S.S.M. Ray.

CRAIGENGOWER

CCC 1st XI against HKCC "Scorpions" at Craigengower on Saturday, at 1.45 p.m. — G.A. Souza, M.J. Divecha, G. Hong Choy, F.R. Kerman, P.R. Ragt, P.J. Billimoria, R. Tay, S.S. Ismail, J.C. Koh, A.H. Ismail and T. Crabtree. D. Readman (12th man). Umpire, G.S. Ladd.

SCORPIONS

HKCC "Scorpions" against Craigengower: — H.F. Stokes, O.J. Kerr, T.A. Pearce, F.A. Weller, R.S. Cull, T.G.C. Knight, T.P. Ruffett, R.H. Hughes, C.H. Connett, D.J. Hill and K.M. Campbell.

PRESSIMISTS

Pressimists against the 35th General Hospital in an all-day game at Boundary Street on Sunday is A.H. Pinnell, H. Amman, J. Mitchell, D. Bottomley, T. Crabtree, E. Pickles, A. Kuruneru, F. Braddel, K. Withey, D. Readman, and B. Camplin. Twelth man is J. Wallis. Team is to assemble at the Star Ferry Wharf, Kowloon side, at 10.30 a.m. where transport will be waiting.

Rugger Results

London, Jan. 24.

The following were the results of rugger matches played today:

RUGBY UNION

United Hospitals 10, Oxford University 11 (played at Richmond).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan 22, Belle Vue Rangers 4.—Reuter.

Irish Cup Replays

London, Jan. 24.

The following were the results of Irish Cup first round replays today:

Ards	3	Glenavon	1
Linfield	3	Ballyclare	2

—Reuter.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

TOTALISATOR TRIAL RACE MEETING

Saturday, 3rd February, 1951

A Trial Race Meeting of four races will be held on the above date at 3.45 p.m. (First Saddling Bell 3.15 p.m.), when the Electric Totalisator will be in operation.

There will be no cash sweeps for this meeting.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1951

24th, 28th February and 3rd March and Hong Kong Derby — 12th May 1951

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the above may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Telephone House; the Club House, Happy Valley and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close to the Secretary, Telephone House, 1st floor, at 3.00 p.m. on Thursday, 1st February, 1951.

Please enclose entry form in the green envelope provided.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

THIRD RACE MEETING

Saturday, 27th January 1951

There are nine races. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (9 Races — $18.00) may be obtained at the Comprador Office of the Treasurers, 1st floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup" scheduled to be run on 28th February, 1951.

Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 26th January, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at:—
5, D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong
or
382, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

SETS OF MEMBERS' AND LADIES' BADGES WILL NOT BE ISSUED FOR THE 1951 RACING SEASON UNTIL 1ST APRIL, 1951. 1950 SETS ARE VALID UNTIL THEN.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $10.00 including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Compradore Office will close at 11.00 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. The Treasurers' Compradore Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27018).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $3.00 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

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"HUNAN"	Taingtao? & Tientsin	5 p.m.	3rd Feb.*
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"FUNING"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	5 p.m.	6th Feb.
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"TAKHOI"	Bangkok	3 p.m.	12th Feb.

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"SHENGKING"	Keelung	7 a.m.	28th Jan.
"ANSHUN"	Singapore		28th Jan.
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"FUNING"	Singapore		2nd Feb.

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ARRIVALS FROM

"TAIYUAN"	Japan	3 p.m.	25th Jan.
"CHANGSHA"	Japan		7th Feb.
"CHANGTE"	Sydney, Brisbane & Townsville		13th Feb.

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Scheduled Sailings to Europe via Aden & Port Said.

"TANTALUS"	Genoa, Marseilles, Havre & Liverpool	1st Feb. 5th Feb.
"AUTOLYCUS"	London & Holland	
"PYRRHUS"	Liverpool & Glasgow	5th Feb.
"CLYTONEUS"	Dublin & Liverpool	25th Jan. 22nd Feb.

Scheduled Sailings from Europe

	Sails Liverpool	Sails Rotterdam	Arrives Hong Kong
• "TANTALUS"	Sailed		28th Jan.
S. "CLYTONEUS"	21st Dec.	—	30th Jan.
• "FUNING"	Sailed	—	2nd Feb.
G. "MEMNON"	28th Dec.	—	8th Feb.
S. "ASTYANAX"	4th Jan.	—	10th Feb.
• "TEUCER"	6th Jan.	—	12th Feb.
G. "PELEUS"	13th Jan.	17th Jan.	15th Feb.
S. "CALCHAS"	21st Jan.	—	25th Feb.
G. "ANCHISES"	28th Jan.	—	4th Mar.
S. "AGAPENOR"	4th Feb.	—	11th Mar.
G. "PATROCLUS"	13th Feb.	17th Feb.	18th Mar.

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"BENVRACKIE"	—— do ——	,, 20th Feb.
"BENVORLICH"	—— do ——	,, 13th Mar.
"BENMACDHUI"	—— do ——	,, 20th Mar.
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by Beachcomber

IS it legal, my pretty ones, to use "utility" cloth to make a woman's overcoat with a detachable hood? To meet just such a case the Board of Trade devised the Utility Apparel (Women's and Maids' Outerwear Manufacture and Supply) Order.

But what if the hood is *non-detachable*? Or *semi-detachable*? Or *unreattachable* after partial or complete detachment? Or *unredetachable* after temporary attachment? And if the hood tucks inside the overcoat, does it count as Women's and Maids' Innerwear? To these and other questions of a similar degree of imbecility the best reply is a silence crammed with dignity.

The trombone controversy

DEAR Sir,

"A lady seated at the harp." The phrase stirs all who have a sense of beauty. "A lady seated at the trombone." Mere nonsense. It is exhibitionism run mad. I knew Connie Webster of the Wavenham Town Band. Her mouth grew so distorted by tromboning that when she pronounced the word "sausage," it sounded like "shosherge" or something, and when she blew on her tea to cool it, she sent it splashing into the saucer, accustomed as she was to blowing that most unladylike of instruments. Men prefer girls to whom the brass is a mystery presided over by males. To put a lady at the trombone is to send a gracious sprat to catch a hideous whale.

Councillor M. L. Farragut.

Hygienic sausage-type

Our food today is a little cleaner. *(Morning paper.)*

"Oh, mother, what's this taste
That makes my meat so nice?"
"My love it is the paste—
A chemical device
To keep your food as clean
As when it left the tin.
Each mouthful of hygiene
Is crammed with vitamin."
Refrain:
Singing hushabye, hushabye, little one,
Under a chemist's moon, etc.

In passing

AS I leaned over a gate, I wondered once more who started the idea of sheep "cropping lazily in a field." There is nothing lazy about it. You don't watch a glutton's legs while he is eating. You watch his face. The sheep move slowly at their repast, but they tug at their food impatiently, their eyes never leaving it, their jaws working without pause, their noses quivering, their heads never raised. And that is the way human beings should eat, to the confusion and annoyance of the prigs who are afraid to regard a meal as an occasion for hearty enjoyment.

Poor Little things

The latest particle to be discovered "survives for three ten-thousand - millionths of a second."
(Morning paper.)

How can we make its brief life as destructive as possible?

DUMB-BELLS

YOUR BIRTHDAY.... By STELLA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

IF you are born today, you are a natural leader in the realm of ideas as well as in the field of action. The stars have given you a love of music and drama and it is likely that you will have creative talent in these fields, if it is developed. You are able to speak well in public and it is possible that the stage may beckon to you as a life profession.

Highly adaptable, you are inclined to take the path of least resistance. You can easily reach mediocrity or even a fair amount of material success without too much effort. But to become outstanding and garner the fame and fortune which should be your birthright you will need to work hard.

You are somewhat temperamental and one is never quite sure how you will react. One day you are on the heights of happiness—the next in the depths of despair. Learn to be a little more balanced, emotionally, or you will find life brings you considerable heartache which could be avoided.

If your environment is pleasant, you will do your best work. You are not one to work well against too many irritants. You need a certain amount of peace of mind to develop your talents. A happy marriage to someone who can constantly encourage you in your aspirations will be a real and lasting inspiration.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If your surroundings do not please you, do something about it. Don't just complain; improve them.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Plan some group entertainment. Join friends in some pleasurable excursion. Relax and enjoy yourself.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Perhaps a new idea can be promoted to help some philanthropic cause. Take the lead in it.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—You may need to do some household shopping. Make ready for company, perhaps over the week end.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—If you can get into the country, you will find your health will be definitely improved. Enjoy yourself.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Write to some friend who is far away. Express your innermost thoughts. Perhaps ask for advice.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—A new job may need some careful investigating before you begin. Pay close attention, now, to details.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Stick to important routine. Don't be side-tracked just now. See you adhere to a schedule.

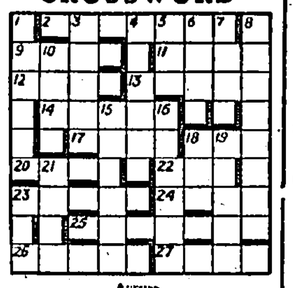
LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—A lecture, theatre, concert or movie can relax tensions. It might be a good idea to try it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—A good business day. You should be able to turn over an advantageous deal right now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A good day for developing a new, creative idea. Test a project and then get started on it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Be at ease with your co-workers. You may develop some new friendships.

CROSSWORD



Across

1 A good hard stone might be used to anger it. (7)
9 May be responsible for the boot retaining its shape. (4)
11 This stone is very attractive. (4)
12 Prevailing sort of fire. (4)
13 Trudges. (5)
14 One way to put off. (5)
17 Infrequent shall we say. (4)
18 Limb of any charming lady. (3)
20 These voters are up against it (4)
22 The bond of untied workers (3)
23 Diminish what the sailor consumed (5) 24. Approach. (4)
25 What some men are put in when they get elevated (7)
26 A large number at case stop altogether (5)
27 Now it's all over, thank goodness (4)

Down

1 Tension in a bit of music (6)
3 Is given up and down to direct attention (5)
4 All you want for this is table linen. (6)
5 Willing but unwinged. (3)
6 Found in those too lazy to work (4)
7 The young Edward spins. (4)
8 A man dining at your table (8)
10 It makes a dire difference (4)
15 States how palates differ. (6)
16 Put back the trader in the clue. (6)
18 Help from money paid as a loan (3) 19. Ittle (5)
21 Musical instrument. (4)
23 Anything as simple as this a simple indeed. (3)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle. Across: Insulate, 9 Iota; 10 Anna; 12 Hall; 14 Inner, 15 Order; 16 Dual; 17 Angry; 18 Byname; 21 Cause, 23 Ennui; 24 Ring; 25 Delegator; Dawn; 2 Nissens; 3 Coil; 4 Lair; 5 Candy; 6 Annular; 7 Earlier; 8 Tromboe; 11 Near; 13 Lee; 18 Plan; 20 Neva; 21 Mono.

Check Your Knowledge

1. Who discovered Florida?
2. By whom was the first real plastic evolved?
3. On what river is Berlin Germany situated?
4. Who were the Picts?
5. Define meteorology.
6. Love birds are members of what family?

(Answers on Page 10)

INTELLIGENCE TEST

Triangular Test

By T. O. HARE

AN exciting duel was staged not long ago in which the new Icarine airplane was matched against the "Barnowl." The competitors flew round a triangular course each "leg" of which was just 440 miles. Squadron Leader Speedwell, flying the Icarine did the second leg at a speed half as fast again as his speed for the first leg and the third leg at a speed which was double his speed for the first leg. His time for the course was 4 hours 20 minutes. Mrs Atalanta, at the controls of the Barn-owl bettered Speedwell's speed over the first leg by 25 miles per hour; over the third leg she was 50 per cent faster than over the second. The race resulted in a dead heat.

What distance separated Speedwell from Mrs. Atalanta when she was completing the second leg of the course?

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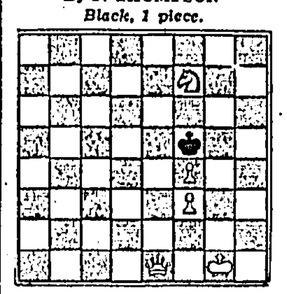
(Solution on Page 10)

CHESS PROBLEM

By F. THOMPSON
Black, 1 piece.



White, 5 pieces.
White to play and mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:
1, R—B5, any; 2, Q, R, B, Kt (dis ch), or P mates.

POCKET CARTOON

○ JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Memphis Magician Steals The Game

By OSWALD JACOBY

"ONE of our players got away with murder recently," a Memphis correspondent relates. "The play was amusing, and raised only one mild question: Should East have suspected what was going on? The other question, about the bidding, I'll come to later."

"West opened the five of clubs, which rode around to South's nine. South could count five diamonds, three clubs, and maybe some spades. The trouble was that the enemy might be unkind enough to go after the hearts as soon as declarer led spades.

"South thought for a moment of running his diamonds in the hope of forcing a few discards. If a few hearts were discarded, the suit would not be so dangerous. The trouble with this plan was that the enemy might not discard enough hearts, and that in any case there would be no entry to dummy's king of clubs after the diamonds were run.

"Therefore South decided to take the second trick in dummy with a high diamond and lead the ten of spades from dummy. East thought that this was the beginning of a finesse to his partner's supposed queen, so he played a low spade. When the ten of spades held, South was in position to take nine tricks—which he did without delay!

"We all thought that East was more to be pitied than blamed for what happened. Would an expert suspect South's ruse and take the ace of spades in order to lead hearts at once?

"More important, what are the merits of South's jump to three no-trump? Should he have bid two spades instead? What do experts bid in a case like this?"

My congratulations, first, to South. The hand doesn't really surprise me, because I know quite a few Memphis bridge players. Nothing pleases them better than to talk an opponent out of a trick in broad daylight!

My sympathy, in the second place, to East. There was no way for him to know what was being done to him. From his point of view, the best chance was that South had broken holdings in both major suits and that he would lose finesses in both suits.

Now for South's bid of three no-trump. This is a matter of style. Some experts favour such gambling bids, while others don't like them. There is much to be said on both sides, but there is no clear reason for deciding either way.

IF South bids two spades at second turn, he may reach a good spade game with four small spades in the North hand. (If North had four spades to the ace, he would bid one spade instead of two diamonds.) Conceivably, North may have the ace of spades, queen of diamonds, and queen-jack of clubs, in which case there is a finesse for five diamonds (and, possibly, no play for three no-trump against a heart lead).

Against this is the fact that South may still make three no-trump even if four spades or five diamonds are safer contracts. It is asking quite a lot of North to provide exactly the cards that will make four spades or five diamonds without giving him a spade response or a raise to three diamonds.

My own style is to gamble on three no-trump with such hands. But I must admit that I know some very fine players who would prefer to bid two spades.

	NORTH (D)	23
	♠ 10 9 6	
	♥ 6 5 3	
	♦ Q J 8 4	
	♣ K J 6	
WEST		EAST
♠ 7 3		♠ A 8 5 2
♥ K J 6		♥ A 10 7 4 2
♦ 9 5		♦ 7 3
♣ Q 10 7 5 4 3		♣ 8 2
	SOUTH	
	♠ K Q J 4	
	♥ Q 9	
	♦ A K 10 6 2	
	♣ A 9	

Neither vul.

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 N.T.	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead—♣ 5

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WOMANSENSE

Care Of Foundation Garment

KEEPING IT IN SHAPE

By ELEANOR ROSS

A GOOD foundation garment, well fitted and properly taken care of, is a good investment in good health and proper posture, as well as in fashion. It is wise to invest in two garments and spell one, something which, the corset industry says, gives a woman the equivalent of three girdles.

FIRST STEP

When washing a foundation garment, first fasten all closings, slip garters from elastic loops, and turn the garment inside out. Be careful not to crumple any boning. Should the garment be very soiled, soak it 10 minutes. This isn't too good for the girdle but it's better than dirt that has worked in. Use only warm water and mild soap. Squeeze through sudsy water very gently, taking care not to twist the garment. Get at any soil spots with a soft hand brush. Rinse at least three times.

If you want to use a washing machine, although this procedure is not recommended, put the foundation garment in a net bag, and let the machine wash it for about five minutes, then drain and rewash it for ten minutes. Squeeze out as much moisture as possible with hands, then roll garment in a heavy towel, kneading out the extra moisture.

GOOD TRICK

A good trick is to stuff the garment with one towel, and roll it in another, for quicker drying. Wipe all metal parts dry.

In shaping the garment, pull it into shape, crosswise, first, then lengthwise. Be sure to smooth out the cotton tape that covers the boning, and pay special attention to the seams, and to the shoulder straps, if any.

To dry, fold the garment over a towel bar away from extreme heat or sunshine. Keeping it rolled up in a towel for about an hour first will insure absorption of much of the moisture.

INSURE SHAPE

If an iron is used, it should be just warm, never hot, and should not be used on elastic. Press bust sections toward the point to insure shape. Nylon garments really do not require ironing, except that a quick press with a warm iron does smooth out seams of nylon fabric. Not nylon elastic, though.

Handle garment carefully when dunking it, slipping it on gently. A knitted girdle may be rolled and slipped on as you would a stocking. Keep the bottom hook of a girdle with side fastening always fastened. This prevents teasing through to the body of the girdle and saves the slide fastener.

Examine garment for rips and tears and stitch immediately. But don't attempt any repairs beyond these.

Sumptuous Sealskin

Passementerie trimmed fur.

BEAUTIFUL braid or discreetly beaded detail lends additional charm to this fine fur coat. Here, bandings of passementerie are used effectively on a sumptuous coat of black Alaska sealskin. The cuffs can be turned back to half-length as shown, or worn wrist-length. The coat is shown snugly belted, like a fabric coat, with a heavy calfskin belt. There are diagonal pockets at the hips. The small collar is almost a roll. It can be turned down or just crushed.

Simple Steps Rendering Arithmetic Easy For The Small Child

By G. C. MYERS, Ph.D.

BLACK threatening clouds rise up before my mind when I recall the miserable memories of the days when as a lad I had to do long division. I can see the long, long row of figures in the dividend and the three or four place numbers in the divisor. I must have finished one of those problems but I don't seem to recall a single success, each problem was so long and hard and I made so many mistakes.

Some years later when I taught children long division, I found it could be fun for them.

GRADUAL STEPS

Simplicity and gradual steps are the secrets. Instead of having the child begin with a long number divided by a two or three-place number, he begins with something as simple as 6 divided by 3. Then, after some practice with no remainder, he has a problem with a remainder, but still there's a one-figure divisor and dividend. Long before there is a two or three-place number in the divisor the learner gets practice with a one-place number in the divisor and a longer dividend, as 486÷2, and later one like this: 765÷4, in which the learner goes through all the necessary long division steps. Even yet some school books and some teachers have the child begin long division with something like this: 8769÷21, a stupendous task to start with.

If your child has trouble with long division, check with him on his multiplication tables and his skills at subtraction; also on his ability to recognise which of two similar numbers is the larger, as 32, 27; 59, 66; 74, 37. As long as a child lags in any of these directions, he can't succeed at learning division.

MASTER THE FACTS

But don't express surprise if your child does have any such trouble. Calmly, patiently help him master the facts or skills involved without his feeling ashamed. Apply this same principle when helping him learn anything. Emphasise patience, calmness, gradual steps and simplicity. Not only should you begin with very, very easy examples but you should practise him on many of such before moving on to something even slightly harder. Always make your own written work so neat that you will be glad to have him keep it so he can refer to it as he feels the need to do so. Common fractions, also very hard for many children, can be made easy if the child is led gradually from very simple examples to slightly harder ones, especially in an atmosphere of comfort.

FIRST IMPORTANCE

Even though the child may master the mechanical side of arithmetic, he still may not get much out of the subject unless he can solve verbal problems. Here again calmness and comfortableness while he tries to solve a problem are of first importance. He must take time to read the problem carefully and get its meaning before he can solve it.

Also he may need practice in reading anything for meaning. Often a child failing in arithmetic or more advanced mathematics has really failed in reading. And such may be said of failure in history, general science or other subjects.

Freelance model

. . . her new job

MISS SALLY ANN VIVIAN, a member of Princess Margaret's circle of friends and one of the prettiest debutantes of 1949, has become a fashion model. She works as a freelance, has her name on the books of a Mayfair agency, and receives around £2 2s. for an hour's modelling.

Twenty-year-old Miss Vivian is the only daughter of Lord Vivian, Sir Charles Cochran's partner, and Lady Vivian. This is her third job since leaving school.

First was in the export department of a Piccadilly store. Then last summer she went to help Lady Eden, sister-in-law of Mr Anthony Eden, as an assistant at her private school in Kensington.

Blue-eyed, with honey-blonde hair, Miss Vivian usually models day and evening clothes suitable for girls of her own age or in the late teens. Her measurements: 5ft. 8in. in shoes: waist 22in.; hips 36in.; bust 33in.

—(London Express Service)

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Shadows Heard Footsteps

—It Was the Mouse With an Invitation—

By MAX TRELL

The mouse invited Knarf and Hanid to dinner.

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were sitting quietly in their corner when they were surprised to hear tiny footsteps. The footsteps came nearer and nearer. It sounded as if someone were walking tip-toe.

By and by they heard a very small voice saying: "Good evening, Knarf and Hanid!"

They saw it was their friend the mouse, who lived down in the cellar.

"I hope I didn't wake you up," he said. "It's quite late."

Knarf and Hanid promptly assured the mouse that they weren't asleep.

"Well," said the mouse very cheerfully, "I've come to invite you to dinner. We're serving cheese and—"

At the instant it suddenly disappeared! Quick as a flash!

Knarf and Hanid looked at each other in astonishment. "Now what made it go away like that?" Knarf asked Hanid. "It was right in the middle of a sentence."

Heard Footsteps

Hanid couldn't explain the mouse's sudden disappearance either. But the next moment they heard footsteps again. This time they were heavier footsteps than before.

"Good evening, Knarf! Good evening, Hanid!" said another voice.

It was the cat.

"I hope," said the cat, pulling her whiskers and purring, "that I haven't waked you up or anything like that."

"Oh, no!" said Hanid.

"We're wide awake," said Knarf.

"Fine," said the cat, purring even louder than before. "I've come to invite you to a little supper party. I hope you can come. There'll be cream. There'll be singing. There'll be —"

Suddenly the cat vanished, too. Knarf and Hanid just had time to see the end of her tail going out through the door.

"This is getting very annoying," said Hanid. "Everyone who comes to invite us to a party, disappears."

"Somebody else must be coming," said Knarf. "Sh-hi Listen! I hear footsteps coming down the hall!"

Sure enough, Hanid also heard them. A moment or two later Pooh-Pooh, the white poodle, entered the room.

"Don't tell us that you've come to invite us to a supper party, Pooh-Pooh?" Hanid said.

Pooh-Pooh looked astonished. "Yes! How did you know?"

"We guessed," said Knarf.

Friends From Neighbourhood

Pooh-Pooh said there would be biscuits and some bones. "Several of my friends from the neighbourhood have promised to come. Mr Airedale is coming, also Mr Terrier, Mr Wolfhound, Mr Spaniel, Mrs Dachshund, Miss Bulldog I hope you can come."

"We'll try to, Pooh-Pooh," said Hanid. "Where shall we meet you?"

"Meet me in front of—"

At that instant Father came walking down the hall. Pooh-Pooh scurried out without another word. Father had often forbidden Pooh-Pooh to come into any room in the house after dark.

So Knarf and Hanid, after being invited to three parties, found themselves able to go to none because Father shut the door and put out the lights and told everyone in the house to go to sleep.

But the next morning, when they woke up they found three little things outside their door. The first thing was a bit of cheese. The second thing was a drop of cream. And the third thing was a crumb of biscuit.

Hanid and Knarf couldn't help feeling sad and happy at the same time: sad because they couldn't have gone to the parties, happy because they had been remembered anyway.

Natural-Looking Eyebrows

Courtesy RKO Radio Pictures

Poorly-groomed eyebrows don't make a nice frame for your eyes. Movie Star Jane Greer says frequent plucking is important

By HELEN FOLLETT

IT'S no longer the fashion to tweeze one's eyebrows almost out of sight. Of course, a little stray fuzzer may have to be yanked out now and then, but the beauty job isn't what it used to be by a long shot. Time was when eyebrows were practically destroyed; indeed some forward-stepping ladies dispensed with them entirely, resorted to the crayon so they could vary the designs as their little hearts desired.

Eyebrows were not created entirely for decorative purposes. They catch flying dust that might get into the eyes. They catch perspiration in torrid weather. But most important, they contribute to facial loveliness and pleasing expression.

Observe the screen lovelies. You will notice that their eyebrows are going normal again, assuming designs that are more natural than the butterfly patterns of past years and the too-highly lifted line that makes the feminine face look cold or vapid.

When the under border of the eyebrows is weeded more than it should be, eyes look smaller. When you do your tweezing—if it must be done—work on both borders, upper and lower, then the growth will be in its proper position, on the edge of the protruding bone above the eye socket.

For a darkening agent you have a choice between mascara and the crayon. Don't use black in either case; a dark, dark brown is better, especially for the blonde sisters and the red head. If you choose the crayon, do quick little strokes from the inner terminal to the outer one, being careful not to touch the underlying flesh.

Rupert's Autumn Primrose—'33

The old gentleman looks searchingly at Rupert. "You seem very serious about this fairy tale of yours," he says. "I wonder what you really did discover." "But it isn't a fairy tale," insists the little bear. "Do please come and let me show you the small footpath and see if you can find any other clues."

Still smiling, the others agree, so he leads the way. Just beyond the tall grass he spies the tiny figure of the Autumn Elf. "Why did you leave me?" asks Rupert. "The others don't believe my story yet." "Hi, who are you talking to?" calls Mary from behind. At the sound of her voice the elf leaps away and vanishes again.

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Your Sewing Scrapbook

by Mary Brooks Picken

Sheer Stole, Velvet-Trimmed

RAYON sheers are colourful and attractive, especially when trimmed with bands of ¾" to 1" wide rayon velvet ribbon.

About Two Hours

You need 1⅓ or 1⅜ yds. 40" wide fabric, and 10 to 12 yds. of ribbon. It takes only two hours.

Satin, metallic or any novelty ribbon can be used instead of velvet, if preferred.

Straighten crosswise ends and tear or cut fabric in half lengthwise. French-seam two crosswise edges together, seaming so selvages are along one lengthwise edge. Make a ⅛" hem on other edge and on both ends.

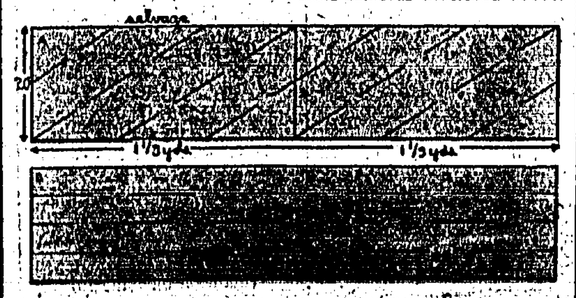
Diagram A: Divide each side into 6 even parts, and ends into two, as shown. Chalk lines diagonally from side to side as shown. Lay ribbon over lines and cut into lengths needed.

One Edge Only

Stitch all diagonally-placed ribbons to position, stitching one edge only. Stitch ribbon all around outside edges, mitering corners, and covering cut ends of ribbon.

If desired, ribbon can be run diagonally both ways before edges are finished.

Diagram B: Divide ends into quarters and chalk lines from end to end. Stitch ribbon to position. Finish edges of scarf same as described above.



Hongkong Defence Force Orders For Coming Week

Serial No. 4 Orders by Colonel L. T. Ride, CBE, ED, Commandant, Hong Kong Defence Force. Dated January 23, 1951.

Force Headquarters

61. Depot Training. Squad A46—Aiming IV, other points of aim, miniature range, other points of aim. Squad A47 — Rapid Firing. PWT. 5. Snapshooting and Rapid firing. Squads A48, A49—Lecture, theory of a group. Miniature range, slow shoot. Squad A51 — PWT. 1. Loading and unloading. Miniature range, introduction shoot.

62. Billetting. All volunteers who have not yet filled in billetting cards in respect of dependant members of their families should do so immediately. Cards, which should be completed in duplicate, are available in Staff Captain's office. The following points should be noted:—(a) Nil returns are required. (b) Additions or decrease to family and change of address should also be reported.

63. Intelligence Unit Training. Parade HQ HKDF Lecture room 5.30 p.m. Monday, January 29. Programme Tactical Exercise—Instructor—Major Fosbury, MC, RAOC.

Hong Kong Regiment

64. Congratulatory. The Commanding Officer wishes to congratulate all officers and volunteers of the Regiment who took part in the recent Force Rifle Meeting on their excellent showing. Particularly does he wish to congratulate the winning teams of the following events:—"The China Cup"—No. 5 platoon. "The Commando Cup" — 'B' Company. "The Adjutant's Cup" — M. G. Platoon. It is also particularly gratifying that the first three places in the Individual Championship were taken by members of the Regiment viz:—CSM. A. P. Pereira —'B' Company. Cpl. H. A. Souza—Bn. H. Q. Lieut W.D.L. Ride, M. G Platoon.

65. Duties. Orderly Officer of the week—Lieut. J. A King. Next for duty — Lieut. P. N. Slater. Orderly Sergeant of the week—Sgt. G. J White. Next for duty—Sgt. G. A. Lemay.

66. Training. (a) Drill Parades—All personnel of Bn H. Q.,, HK Coy, 'A' Coy and 'B' Coy will parade at Force HQ as follows:—5.30 p.m., Monday, January 19 and 5.30 p.m., Tuesday, January 20. Dress Clean Fatigue Overalls. (b) Specialist Training. Mortar Platoon —As detailed by Sgt Anslow. M. G. Platoon — As detailed by Lieut. W. D. L. Ride.

67. Colours Parade — Rehearsals. The first two full rehearsals for the Colours Parade will be held at Sookunpoo Sports Ground on Sunday, February 4 and Sunday, February 11. Parade 9.30 a.m. Murray Parade Ground Transport will be provided. Dress for Sunday, February 4—Clean Fatigue Overalls. For Sunday, February 11—Clean Fatigue (Battle Dress). All members of the Regiment are requested to parade on each day.

68. Colours Parade — Invitations. Any member of the Regiment (including Home Guard) who wish to invite relatives or friends to the parade should make application for tickets to the Adjutant by not later than Monday, February 12.

69. Specialist Cadre (R. A. Section). Parade Thursday, February 1. 5.30 p.m. QM's office Regimental HQ. Programme as detailed by O. C. Dress plain clothes.

70. Drill Parades. For the period ending February 14 evening parades will be devoted to drill and will be organised on a Regimental basis:—(a) Two parades each week will be held on Monday and Tuesday commencing at 5.30 p.m. Place to be notified in orders. All personnel of Bn. HQ, 'A' and 'B' Companies will parade each evening. The parades will be conducted by either the CO, the Adjutant or RSM. The CO wishes to see a full muster on each evening parade.

71. Clothing. All ranks who have not yet had their Battle Dress fitted will do so as soon as possible. The tailor is available each evening at 5.30 p.m. in the QM's Store at Force HQ.

Home Guard

72. Training Thursday, February 1, 1951. Programme detailed by OC, Parade 5.30 p.m. Drill Sheds Murray Parade Ground. Dress Plain clothes or overalls.

H.K. Auxiliary Air Force

73. Trade Training. Thursday January 25. Full day's training fighter Controllers Course. Transport will leave Canton Road at 8.30 a.m. for all u/t Fighter Controllers who are attending the full day's training at a radar station in the New Territories. LAC Granville will be i/c party. Lunches will be provided. Nos. 1, 2, 3, (advanced) Fighter Plotter Courses. No. 3 (Elementary) Fighter Plotter Course. In view of the full day's training which will take place on Monday and Tuesday January 29 and 30, there will be no trade training on this date for members of the above courses. Friday January 26. HKAAF Police Course. Trade training lecture as per syllabus will continue for all members of this course at HQ Defence Force at 5.30 p.m. Sunday January 28. MT Drivers Course. MT Drivers will be picked up at Star Ferry Canton Road at 9.15 a.m. to continue driving instruction under Sgt. Moore. Monday January 29. Clerk G.D. Course. Trade training lectures will continue at HQ Defence Force at 5.30 p.m. for all members of this course. Clerk P.A. Course. Members of this course are to assemble at HQ Defence Force for practical instruction under F/L Nobbins at 5.30 p.m. Fighter Controller Course. Trade training lectures as per syllabus will continue at A.H.Q. for all members of this course at 5.30 p.m. Full Day's training Fighter Plotters. The following Fighter Plotters are to parade at the Ops Room A.H.Q. at 8.30 a.m. C.E. Noronha (NCO i/c Course), C.J. Chansmine, M.L.P. Ozorio, J. Ismail, W. Hyder, L.M.P. Chansmine, Crosbie, Hoh, R. Yen, N. Bentley, A.P. Wong, K.J. Webb. Lunches will be provided. Full Day's training Radar Operators. The following radar operators are to leave Canton Road at 8.30 a.m. for a radar station in the New Territories:—Botelho (i/c party), L. R. Collins, J.A. da Rosa, L.A. da Luz, R.D. de Luz, J.F. Granville, E. Mackenzie, H.F. Mendes, F.M. Rozario, R.A. Vas, R.H. Ribeiro, J.J. Hassan. Letters have been sent to all employers asking them to release you for this monthly full day's training. Lunches will be provided. Tuesday January 30. Full Day's training Fighter Plotters. The following fighter plotters are to parade at the Ops Room at 8.30 a.m. P.M. Rowesland (i/c Course), P.A. Law, C. Hong, M. Lee, J.T.A. Maher, N. Wahab, B.N. Cheng, R. Azim, M.H. Khan, F. Hussain, B. Ling, M. Chu. Lunches will be provided. Letters have been sent to all employers asking them to release you for this monthly day's training. Wednesday January 31. Nursing Orderlies. All Nursing orderlies are to parade at Defence Force HQ at 8.30 p.m. for practical work under P.O. Ramler. Flying Unit Tradesmen. The following members are to attend for training at the HKAAF Ranges at 9.45 p.m. on Wednesday January 31: Engine Asst—A. Chan, G.F. Remedios, Tu Meng Yun, J.R. Chow, A.R. Pan, S.Y.S. Wu, A.M. Hassan, K. Kwan, K. Saleh, A.J. Rush, A.M. Belali, G. Leon. Safety Equip Workers—L.F. Young, F.J. Remedios. Airframe Asst—F.X. Pires, E.R. Franco, T.A. Ewins, H.C. Higgs, R.M. Chaves, A.J. Leonard, N. Fung, L.R. Chan, G.J. Ozorio. Inst. Repairers—K. Satyaver, A.M. Omar. Electrician Asst—F.M. Baptista. Tech. Orderlies —Au Yeung Fat, V. Young, F. Hardoon, S. Wong. Wireless Mechanics —C.C. Leung, M. Leung, Shen Yong Chu, R. Newman. Photography Section—G. Tan, D.R. Lock. Transport will leave Canton Road at 9.30 p.m.

74. Flying Programme. Saturday January 27. Austers 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Jones, Mose, Taylor, Strange, Bretling. 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Jones, Randall, Wigram, Salter, Robertson. 4.15 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. Gauntlett, Robertson, Randall, Strange, Harvards. 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Proudman, Gauntlett. 3.45 p.m. to 5.15 p.m. Taylor, Jones. Sunday January 28. Harvards. 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Rake, Wigram, Taylor. 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Rake, Salter, Wood. 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Hicks, Rake, Jones. 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Hicks, Rake, Gauntlett. 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Rake, Proudman, Fraser. 3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Proudman, Rake, Fraser. Austers. 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Jones, Mose, Strange, Bretling, Robertson. 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Jones, Randall, Wigram, Taylor. 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Strange, Bretling, Gauntlett, Wood, McKelvie. 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Wigram, Salter, Robertson, Wood, Conder. 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Bretling, Randall, Mose. 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wigram, Robertson, Strange, Bretling. Wednesday January 31. Wings examination revision under S.L. Rake will take place at Defence Force HQ at 5.30 p.m. The u/m u/t pilots will attend:—Robertson, Bretling, Strange. Navigation lecture—A navigation lecture will be given by P.O. Tindall at 5.30 p.m. at HQ Defence Force for u/t pilots and navigators.

H.K. Women's Volunteer Force

75. Training (Army and Nursing Branch). Drivers Course. Parade Monday January 29 at 5.30 p.m. at HQ HKDF. Programme Drivers will proceed to RASC Workshop for instruction on Cooling System practical by Sgt. Williams RASC. Driving Instruction. Wednesday January 31 or Friday February 2 5.30 p.m. Sunday morning by special arrangement. Please notify Lieut. Latimer, Tel. 50031. Nursing Course. Parade Monday January 29. 6 p.m. at HQ HKDF for transport to B.M.H. for Home Nursing Course. Clerks Course. Parade Thursday February 1 at 5.30 p.m. at HQ HKDF Orderly Room. Instructor—S/Sgt. Chapman, RASC.

76. Identity Cards. The following members should collect Identity Cards from Staff Captain's office:—Heath, L. Young, P.I. Penn, N.D. Maiig, N.M. Remedios, C.M. da Roza.

(sgd.) J.G. Fraser, Lt.-Col.,
Deputy Commandant, H.K.D.F.

Notice

HKDF Rifle Meeting. Official results of all events are now being checked and will shortly be distributed to units. Prizes will be presented at a Force Social Function the date of which will be notified later.

Ambulance Brigade Orders

Orders by Comm. A. el Arculi, O.B.E., C. St. J., Commissioner St. J.A.B. Hongkong District Order No. 4/51. dated 26th January, 1951.

Ambulance Duties Hongkong.—28.1.51 to 3.2.51. Causeway Bay Division; 4.2.51 to 10.2.51. Western District Division.

Ambulance Duties Kowloon.—29.1.51 to 4.2.51. Mongkok Division; 5.2.51 to 11.2.51. Kong Wah and Taipo Divisions.

Race Course Duties.—Sat. 27th Jan. K.C.O.B. and Motor Transport Duties.

Football Match Duties.—Sat. 27th Jan. 2.50 p.m. Sookunpoo Western District Division; 2.30 p.m. Boundary Street, K.Y.M.C.A. Division; Sun. 28th Jan. 2.30 p.m. Boundary Street, K.Y.M.C.A. Division.

Penetration Squad Duties.—Sun. 28th M.O. for duty. Div. Surg. J.B. Mackie. Dentist. Mr A. J. Staple. Nurses Chung Sing Nursing Division. Next for duty. M.O. L/Div. Surg. Dr Cissy Yeung. Dentist. Div. Surg. N. J. Whelpton. Nurses. Western District Nursing Division.

Meetings: Senior Officers Meeting.—This will be held at Brigade Headquarters on Wed. 31st Jan. at 5.15 p.m.

Officers Mess Social Committee.—A meeting of the aforementioned committee will be held directly after the Senior Officers meeting on Wed. 31st Jan. at Headquarters.

St. John Annual Ball.—Tickets are now available for the annual Ball to be held at the H.K. Hotel on Friday 26th Jan. These may be obtained from members of the Committee or direct from the H.K. and Peninsula Hotel reception offices.

Honours and Awards.—The following members have been awarded the Service Medal of the Venerable Order of St. John: Dist. Off. L. Bones. A/O Wong Yan-sing, A/O Mak Wing-kwong, L/C. Luk Kwai, L/C. Ng Shiu-lam, L/C. Tam Tsat, L/C. Lam Yu-po, L/C. Yuen Moon-lam, Cpls. Law Chung-hing, Chan Yui-kwan, Wan Kai-cheung, Ptes Yue Hoi-lam, Chu Shui-lam, Yeung Shau-ying, Lai Shiu-yin, Wong Shiu-kong, Ying Chi-kwok, Lui Kwok-cheung, Sung Sheung-hei, Li Ping-sum, Ping Chu-kan, Chung Chi-wa, Chak Kam-tong, Chow Kam-tong.

First Bar To Service Medal—A/O Lo Hon Chung, A/O Mok Chee, A/O Cheung Kwok-hing, D/Supt. Tong Yuk-man.

Second Bar To Service Medal—D/Supt. Chan Yue-tong, A/O Chiu Sze-shing, A/O Wong Shiu-pui.

Enrolment—K.C.O.B. Division. Ptes. Kwan Tat-wah, Ko Chuk-Wai, Shum Kung-lok 18.1.51. Mac Shuen Nursing Division. A/Sisters Lam Lai Ping w.e.f. 11.1.51. H.K.Y.M.C.A. Nursing Division. A/Sisters Chiu Po-ling, Cheng Kit-ping, Chan Yum-hing, Wong Kit-yin, Chan Shuk-yim, Lui Wing-fong, Liu Siu-yung, Sung Min-woo, Au Tak-ling, Au Yeung-yuk, w.e.f. 20.1.51.

Resignations.—Shaukiwan Division. Ptes. Sung Kuen-yiu, Yuen Chun, Tam Wan-tat, Tam Tak, Wong Chuen-yuen, Ho Ping-wah, Tong Fu-cheung w.e.f. 15.1.51; Chung Sing Division Leung Chow-tau, w.e.f. 18.1.51; Motor Transport Division, L/Cpls. Leung Ken-chei, Low Aik-kwan, Wong Tak-sui, Ptes Chan Sin-lam w.e.f. 17.1.51, Kong Wah Division. Ptes. Chan Wing-lung, Tso King-chuen, Ou Hon-wing, Wong Kwok-choi w.e.f. 18.1.51.

(Sgd.) R.A. Rawlins, S.O.St.J.
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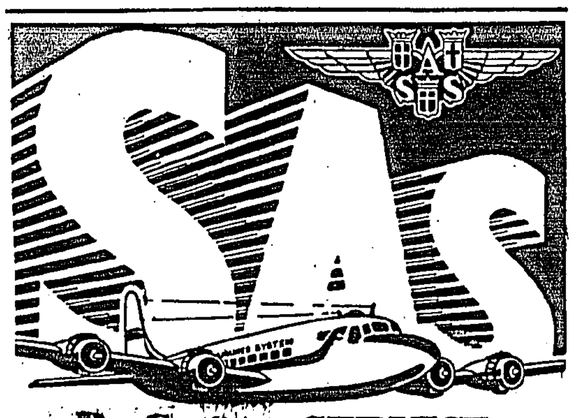

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Stock Exchange Declines

London, Jan. 24.

New official warnings that a fuel crisis may hit British industry next month dampened proceedings on the London Stock Exchange today.

British Government bonds fell ⅛ to 3/16 of a point all along the line. Shipping, tobacco, brewery electrical equipment stocks also declined.

Foreign bonds were dull. Japanese issues all closed with losses for the day, the 1907's closing down ¾, the 1910s down ½, and the 1930s down ½.

Financial Times' Index: 110.5.—Associated Press.

COTTON TRADERS NERVOUS

New York, Jan. 24.

Cotton futures saw-sawed nervously today while traders were anxious to know about the Government price freeze order which may come by Thursday night. The uncertainties generated by Red China's latest communication also acted to keep traders anxious.

After a mild start, prices moved up to maximum gains of 5 to 22 points, carrying nearby March to a new peak of 44.95 cents a pound. It turned easier to close 45 lower to 2 points higher.

The price Administrator, Mr Disalle, told the United Press that no decision had been reached whether raw cotton would be covered by the general price freeze, although he admitted that the price of cotton was above parity and it could be legally controlled. However, it is always possible that we might pick it up somewhere along the line," he said.

Some observers took this to mean that raw cotton might be exempted with controls applied indirectly by controlling manufactured cotton items.

Prices closed today as follows:—

Spot	45.70 nominal
March (1951)	44.60
May	44.05-44.06
July	43.72
October	41.41
December	41.20-41.21
March (1952)	41.10
May	41.00
July	40.70 nominal

—United Press.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

Closing rate January 24

Spot	44.60 nominal
March (1951)	44.47
May	44.00-44.04
July	43.50
October	41.47-41.48
December	41.03
March (1952)	40.82
May	40.72
July	40.42 bid

—United Press.

CONTROL HINTED

Ottawa, Jan. 24.

A plan to institute compulsory priority control in Canada on nickel, copper and zinc is being studied by Government officials.

However, they are not likely to follow those of the United States. The Government is not likely to order a direct ban on the use of nickel on automobile trim and other civilian products.—Associated Press.

Bonds Improve

New York, Jan. 24.

Dollar bonds of countries in the Communist orbit improved today on news of manoeuvres to end the war in Korea.

Chinese Government railway five per cent bonds ($1,000 face value) sold at $65, up $5.—Associated Press.

U.S. GENERAL PRICE FREEZE EXPECTED IN FEBRUARY

New York, Jan. 24.

The Iron Age, metalworking trade weekly, said today that a general price freeze on nearly all products and commodities will become effective about Feb. 15.

A controlled materials plan will be in effect by June, if not sooner, it added.

The publication commented, "Both of these anti-inflation weapons will be hampered in their early stages by a dire shortage of administrative people, but the cries for heavy artillery against inflation have become so frequent and so loud that the Government can no longer resist them."

Steel producers are in a dither, the Iron Age said, trying to meet the constantly shifting needs of defence and essential civilian programmes and still tell their regular customers what to expect.

Productions schedules have been upset, it added, by the ever-changing pattern of defence orders and Government-directed tonnage.

"While steel people feel that a controlled materials plan is necessary to restore order to the confused market," the trade weekly continued, "they also fear it. Once the economy is controlled to this extent it will be hard to get the controls lifted."

It added: "Defence orders for stainless steel, particularly sheets, are growing by leaps and bounds.

Steelmaking operations this week were placed by the Iron Age at 101 per cent of rated capacity, another new all-time record for steel produced in a single week.—Associated Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

The volume of business transacted on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at $148,420. The half day's business and noon closing prices were as follow:—

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank ..	1240	1280	
East Asia ...	99		
INSURANCES			
Union	620		30 @ 625
			30 @ 625
Underwriters	2.80		
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf ..	72		
Dock	11	12	
Provident ...	9½		
Wheelock ...	16½		
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel ..	6.40	6½	500 @ 6½
			1000 @ 6½
			500 @ 6½
			1000 @ 6½
HK Land ..	32		
Shai Land .	1.05		
UTILITIES			
Tram	11.25		
C. Light (O)	5.70	6	400 @ 5.80
			1000 @ 5.80
C. Light (N)		3.60	
Electric	23¼	24	500 @ 23½
			200 @ 23½
			200 @ 23½
			500 @ 23½
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	11¼		3000 @ 11¼
			300 @ 11½
Rope	11½		
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	11		1000 @ 11½
			500 @ 11½
Dairy (N) ..	9½		
Dairy (N) ..	19½		
Watson	19½	20½	
L. Crawford	20		
COTTONS			
Ewo	2.30	2.60	

Bank Quotations

New York, Jan. 24.

Closing quotations:
Bank of America: 25½ bid, 27 asked.
Chase National: 37⅛ bid, 39⅜ asked.
National City: 45⅛ bid, 47⅛ asked.
—Associated Press.

Big Trade Boom Hits Midlands

London, Jan. 24.

Thousands of prosperity seekers from all parts of the country are daily flocking to join the thousands more who have stormed the Midlands intent on sharing the biggest trade boom known there since the Victorian industrial revival period.

High wages and a surfeit of jobs have turned it into Britain's trade boom centre and increased the population in the area by more than five percent above the average increase for the rest of the country.

This prosperity spotlight on the area is directed by a nation-wide marketing survey of living and retail outlets published in a 600-page booklet by Business Publications, Ltd., of London. The survey reveals that the whole trade and industrial pattern of Britain has changed since the end of the war. Boom towns of the war year, notably seaports, are shrinking to feed workers to the post-war prosperity areas of the Midlands and the West Country.

Outstanding boom towns of the Midlands, says the survey, are Sutton Coldfield and Solihull in the Birmingham districts, which enjoy exceptional high income levels and have shown large increase in population. Sutton Coldfield has added 30 percent to its population in the last few years and Solihull 38 percent. Both are included in the "above-the-average" incomes schedules.

Surprisingly, two Midland towns, Brierley Hill and Smethwick, on the borders of prosperous Birmingham, are rated in the "below average" wages category.

These statistics reveal the enterprise of British manufacturers. They indicate that the established industries are adapting themselves to new needs and that newer ones are showing healthy development, particularly chemicals, plastics, radar and radio communication groups.

The catering industry continues to expand faster than any other in the country. In the Midlands it is enjoying an unprecedented boom, mushroom milk bars and cafes having sprung up to serve the increased hordes of "bed and breakfast" workers.

RESTRICTED BUSINESS IN RUBBER

New York, Jan. 24.

The price gap separating Government buyers and Eastern shippers continued to restrict business in the spot rubber market. Dealers reported a fair amount of switching in an apparent move to round out inventory position, but little new business materialised.

On the commodity exchange, prices eased after a strong start with the list off 50 points at the close. Sales totalled 15 contracts, more than half represented in exchanges of contracts for spot rubber. Open contracts on the exchange at the close of trading on Tuesday totalled 255 contracts, a decrease of 10 from the previous day.

Prices closed today as follows:—

Spot	72
March	67.00 bid
May	62.00 bid
July	57.00 bid

—United Press.

LONDON MARKET

London, Jan. 24.

Prices of rubber futures closed here today as follows:—

No 1 rubber (in cents per lb.)	61-½-62-½
February	
March	60-¾-¾
April/June	57-½-58
July/September	52-½-53
October/December	48-¼-49

—United Press.

S'PORE MARKET

Singapore, Jan. 24.

Prices of rubber futures closed here today as follows:—

Number 1 rubber, per lb.	
January	206-207
February	199-200
Number 2 rubber, January	200-201
Number 3 rubber, January	194-195
Number 4 rubber, January	187-188
Spot rubber, unbaled	215-216
Black crepe	216-218
No 1 pale crepe	176-177

—United Press.

New York Sugar Futures

New York, Jan. 24.

World sugar futures closed today 2 to 4 lower, with sales totalling 23 contracts.

Contract No. 6 closed today 1 to 3 lower, with sales totalling 46 contracts.

Prices closed today as follows:—

Contract No. 4 (world)

January	5.02 bid
March	5.02 bid
May	5.02 bid
July	5.02 bid
Spot	5.03

Contract No. 6

January	—
March	5.41 bid
May	5.49 traded
July	5.53 bid
Spot	5.50

—United Press.

Black Pepper Futures

New York, Jan. 24.

Black pepper futures closed today 3 to 7 cents a pound higher, with one lot of five tons trading for February delivery at $1.78 a pound. The strength reflected a sharply higher basis in the spot market. The limited supplies available for immediate shipment and the refusal of some Indian shippers to consider overnight bids acted to tighten the situation, despite the uncertainty over price controls.

Prices closed today as follows:—

January	1.85 nominal
February	1.78 nominal
March	1.70 nominal
May	1.63 nominal

—United Press.

Exchanges In NY

New York, Jan. 24.

Closing foreign exchange:

Canada	94.03¾
Switzerland	23.31
Venezuela	30.06

Others unchanged.—Associated Press.

Ban On Nickel

Washington, Jan. 24.

The Government today banned the use of nickel in automobile trim and in nearly 400 other civilian products. The purpose is to conserve the short nickel supply for defence and essential civilian needs.—Associated Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

Sterling note (per £)	15.40
U.S. dollars (per $1)	5.01
Indonesia guilders (per 100)	3.00
Siam, ticals (per 100)	20.00
Singapore (Straits)	16.65
FIC piastres (per 100)	18.00

Wall Street Unsettled: Price Decline

New York, Jan. 24.

Diplomatic manoeuvring in world capitals to end the Korean war and Washington efforts to speed domestic controls unsettled the stock market today and brought on moderate-sized price declines.

At the same time a few individual issues enlivened the session with wide swings up or down.

Lower all around were motors, aircrafts, utilities, copper mining, airlines and most chemicals and rails.

Losses ranged from fractions to more than a point. Among the stumblers were Douglas Aircraft, Boston and Maine Railroad, Pepsocola.

Gainers included Budd Company, American Radiator, Phillips Petroleum.

Transfers were 1,260,000 shares.

Daw Jones averages:

Stocks	90.92
20 Industrials	244.36
15 Rails	82.20
10 Utilities	42.04

—Associated Press.

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Jan. 24.

The tin market opened easier but the tone was steady. Turnover was 30 tons of spot and 45 tons of three-months. Prices closed today at the end of the official morning session as follows:—

Spot tin, buyers	1,235
Spot tin, sellers	1,240
Business done at	1,245-1,235
Three-months tin, buyers	1,215
Three-months tin, sellers	1,220
Business done at	1,225-1,220
Settlement	1,235

—United Press.

COTTON TEXTILE MARKET

New York, Jan. 24.

The cotton textile market was dull, with mills and buyers anticipating a possible freeze on prices soon. Only scattered lots of print cloths and other constructions sold, mostly in the re-sale market.

The wool goods market was strong. Most mills were withdrawn because of price-control developments and soaring new wool prices which have made it difficult for mills to determine their future course of operations.

Demand for rayon goods was strong, with offerings small.—Associated Press.

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"VAN HEUTSZ"	1st Feb.	
"TJITJALENGKA"	9th Feb.	11th Feb.
"TJIWANGI"		28th Feb.

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"TJISADANE" ••		20th Mar.
"TJIBADAK"	4th Feb.	

§ via Japan.
•• not calling Manila & S. America.

JAPAN

	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 25
Closing Times By Air
India, Pakistan, Persian Gulf Ports, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy, N.W. Europe & France, 5 p.m.
Siam, Malaya & Indonesia, 5 p.m.
Japan & Korea, 5 p.m.
Philippines, 5 p.m.
Indo-China & French North Africa, 5 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea
Indo-China, 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26
Closing Times By Air
B.N. Borneo, Australia and New Zealand, 5 p.m.
Philippines, Hawaii & U.S.A., (letters second class mail and parcels) Guam, (letters and second class mail) Canada, (letters only), 5 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, India, Persian Gulf Ports, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy, N.W. Europe & France, 5 p.m.
Formosa, 5 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea
Malaya, Noon.
Siam, 3 p.m.
Philippines & Japan, 3 p.m.
Indonesia, 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27
Closing Times By Air
Formosa, 3 p.m.
Siam, 5 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea
B.N. Borneo, 9 a.m.
Indo-China, 9 a.m.
Malaya & India, Noon.
U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America, 5 p.m.
Australia & New Zealand, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28
Closing Times By Air
Philippines & B.N. Borneo, 3 p.m.
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Iraq, Iran, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy, N.W. Europe and France, 5 p.m.
Japan & Korea, 5 p.m.
Indo-China, 5 p.m.
Formosa, 5 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea
Formosa, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29
Closing Times By Sea
Formosa, 2 p.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, Madagascar, Mauritius, East & South Africa, Aden, Egypt & Great Britain, 10 a.m. (par); 11 a.m. (reg); Noon (ord).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Investments In PI

Sir,—Much prominence is given in your paper today to the statement made by the Philippine Secretary of Finance Mr Pio Pedrosa to Mr Robert Der, leader of the Hongkong Trade Mission. Mr Pedrosa claims there is no safer country for investment than the Philippines. I would like to debunk this by reminding him that millions of Hongkong dollars were invested in the Philippines, and today no investor is able to bring his money back to Hongkong owing to the Government control, and when any dividends are declared they are not paid in full at once but over a period when the Controller of Finance or Exchange sees fit.

In view of these facts the Philippines is not a safe place to invest money in spite of the Secretary of Finance's statement.

STUNG.

[According to the Philippines Consulate here all money in the Philippines is subject to Exchange Control as in Hongkong.]

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.
6.00, "Programme Summary"; 6.02, "Jazz for the Moderns"—Presented by John Waring. (Studio); 6.30, "Hit Parade"; 7.00, World News and News Analysis. (London Relay); 7.15, Pipes of Scotland—Bowhill Colliery Pipe Band. (BBCTS); 7.30, La Demi-Heure Francaise (Studio); 8.00, "From the Editorials" (London Relay Recorded); 8.10, Local Studio Concert—By Scottish Artists: — Rena Keown (Mezzo-Soprano), and John McLeod (Baritone) in Commemoration of "Burns Night" Piano Accompaniment by Betty Drown; 8.25, "Take It from Here"—With Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards (BBCTS); 8.55, Sports Review—By Bill Phillips (Studio); 9.10, "Thursday Serenade"—A Programme of Continuous Music Arranged by Betty Drown; 9.30, An Appreciation of the Art of Robert Burns, together with the Reading of some of His Poems by George Stevenson (Studio); 9.45, Light Symphony Orchestra; 10.00, Radio News Reel (London Relay); 10.15, Weather Report; 10.16, "At the Opera"—"Carmen" (Bizet)—Act 2. With Other Principals, Chorus and Orchestra of La Scala, Milan conducted by Carlo Sabajno; 11.00, New Mayfair Orchestra; 11.15, "Goodnight Music;" 11.29, Weather Report; God Save the King; 11.30, Close Down.

Turkish Officers Leave For Tokyo

A group of the Turkish Army officers who arrived in Hongkong from Istanbul on Tuesday left yesterday by Pan American World Airways for Tokyo where they will serve as liaison officers at General MacArthur's headquarters. The officers were snapped at Kai Tak before departure north.—(Staff Photographer).

Aussies' Gift To Brig. Coad

Gen. Mansergh Reports On Korea Visit

Brigadier B. C. Coad, Commander of the British 27th Brigade in Korea was made an honorary member of the Royal Australian Regiment and presented with a slouch hat just before he left Korea for Hongkong, where he arrived this morning for a few days' visit.

Lieut-General Sir Robert Mansergh, GOC-in-Chief, Hongkong, who has been visiting Korea and returned here this morning said at Kai Tak that the Brigadier looked very well in his slouch hat.

General Mansergh, who went north on a liaison visit, saw General MacArthur in Tokyo and the UN Commander-in-Chief spoke highly of the British troops in Korea.

General Mansergh visited all sections of the Commonwealth forces in Korea. He found all the troops in "extremely good form despite the intense cold," and said he was well pleased with them.

The British troops, he said, were delighted with the comfort parcels received from Hongkong residents. These parcels enabled every British soldier to receive something at Christmas and that pleased the men very much.

General Mansergh stressed the excellent feeling between the British and American troops, adding that many British soldiers were serving in American units and that right through the ranks there was splendid liaison and good friendship.

Mrs Coad, who has only just recovered from an attack of the 'flu, was at Kai Tak airport to greet her husband this morning.

Jap Ship For Singapore

Tokyo, Jan. 25.

The 5,448-ton Kansai Maru, of the Kansai Kisen Company, is scheduled to leave Moji port next Monday for Singapore with 4,000 tons of cement, local shipping circles said today.

The ship will, on her way back, call at Bangkok to take on 4,500 tons of Siamese rice for Japan and return to Japan at the end of February, the same circles added.—Reuter.

Farewell Presentation

A farewell presentation from members of the Kowloon Cricket Club to Mr A. E. P. Guest, will take place tomorrow (Friday) at the KCC at 6.30.

Mr Guest, who is an old member of the club, is leaving Hongkong for Australia on Sunday on retirement.

It is hoped there will be a good turn-out of members for this function tomorrow.

Palatial New Cinema For K'loon

One of the largest cinema houses to be built in the Colony will be erected on the vacant plot of ground at the corner of Nathan Road and Kimberley Road, Kowloon, some time in April next.

The site is the property of Sir Robert Ho Tung, who, it is learned, will also be the owner of the new theatre.

The architects are Messrs Palmer and Turner and the plans are expected to be ready by April.

The cost of the building is estimated at over $2,000,000. There will be seating accommodation for 2,000 people and the building will be one of the most modern yet designed as a theatre.

The front entrance to the building will be in Kimberley Road.

Non-Paying Patrons

Treasury's Action

Detectives from the Treasury Department visited theatres in Kowloon last night and arrested six persons who had entered the cinema without admission tickets.

The offenders, three of whom were actors, were charged before Mr d'Almada at Kowloon this morning with evading entertainment tax. They were each fined $20 or 15 days.

Chan Fai, 21, Lai Man, 28, and Yim Sai, 28, who claimed to be actors and gave their address as the backstage of Po Hing Theatre, and a coolie named Yuen Kam, 33, were arrested inside the Kwong Chi Cinema, Yaumati, occupying front stall seats which cost only 30 cents a ticket.

The other two men were Yam Chun, 28, a painter, who was arrested in the Sun Wah Theatre, Mongkok, and Yong Kung-nam, a tailor, who was arrested in the Po Hing Theatre.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

(1) If S does the first leg at m miles per hour, he does the second leg at 5m/3 m.p.h. and the third leg at 5m m.p.h. His time is 12/5 hours, so m is 120 m.p.h. Hence S takes 2 hours for the first leg; 1 hour and 20 minutes for the second leg; 1 hour for the third leg.
(2) Mrs A does the first leg at 144 m.p.h., so it takes her 5/3 hours. Hence the second leg takes her 8/3 hours (150 m.p.h.) and the third leg takes her 10/15 hours (225 m.p.h.).
(3) So when Mrs A completes the second leg S is four minutes behind her and is travelling at 180 m.p.h.
He is therefore 12 miles away

London Express Service

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

1. Ponce de Leon. 2. By a young U. S. printer, John Wesley Hyatt. 3. The Spree River. 4. A people who inhabited northern Britain and northeast Ireland in pre-Roman days. 5. The science which treats of the various atmospheric phenomena of weather. 6. The Parrot family.

Why He Hoarded Coins

SQUATTER'S FEAR OF FIRE

The explanation that he accummulated 2,245 ten and five cent coins instead of paper currency was because of the possibility of fire in the squatters area at Castle Peak Road, was offered by a 40-year-old hawker, Au To who was charged with possession of small change exceeding reasonable requirements before Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning.

Defendant was arrested with the coins at Peiho Street, and told the Police that he could not leave the money in his hut because some one might have stolen it.

He further added that he had saved up the coins since last Chinese New Year.

After hearing the facts, Mr Winter expressed his sympathy for defendant's explanation in view of recent fires that had occurred in squatters areas, and registered a caution against defendant.

However, Mr Winter ordered that $170 worth of the coins be changed into larger banknotes and $33.05 in coins to be returned to defendant.

Missed His Ship

BRITISH SUBJECT FROM SINGAPORE

A 34-year-old Malay Chinese, Robert Benjamin Chua, appeared before Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning on charges of being an apparent vagrant and of assault. He was remanded for 24 hours in police custody on the application of Sub-Inspector S. H. Yuen.

A British subject, the defendant told the Court in English that his people were all in Singapore. He had travelled to China recently, and was en route back to Singapore when he missed his ship here. The authorities had kept his passport and identity papers, he added.

Mr Lo told Chua that the immigration authorities here had to be careful about new arrivals in the defendant's condition. Defendant expressed his wish to be sent back to Singapore, where he said he had employment.

Chua, who was arrested yesterday at Ventris Road, Happy Valley, was alleged to have assaulted Tai Kwok-wah.

FORFEITS OIL

The master of a motor-junk was fined $250 by Mr d'Almada at Kowloon this morning for exporting a prohibited commodity. The defendant, Fung Yin, 42, lost 1.5 tons of excess diesel oil which the Court confiscated.

Rev. Insp. Millington said that the junk was intercepted outside Kap Shui Mun pass yesterday.

Birthday Honours Insignia Presented At Government House

CEREMONY HELD THIS MORNING

Dr the Hon. Chau Sik-nin, member of the Executive and Legislative Councils, and Mr Henry Ching, Editor of the South China Morning Post for more than 30 years, received their insignia of CBE and OBE, respectively, from His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, KCMG, at the presentation of King's Birthday Honours held in the Ball Room of Government House this morning.

There were altogether twenty recipients, among them several members of the Armed Forces, of awards for public services rendered, bravery, devotion to duty and for long and loyal service.

His Excellency wore full ceremonial uniform, with sword, and was accompanied by Mr D. A. R. Colbourne, ADC.

The Acting Chief Justice, Mr E. H. Williams, attended by the Mace Bearer (Mr L. Alltree) read the citations accompanying the awards.

Seated in the front row were Lady Grantham, Mrs E. H. Williams, Commodore and Mrs L. N. Brownfield, Air Commodore and Mrs A. D. Davies, and Bishop Valtoria while in the second row sat the Hon. J. F. Nicoll (Colonial Secretary) the Hon. J. B. and Mrs Griffin, the Hon. R.R. and Mrs Todd, the Hon Sir Geoffrey and Lady Follows and Mr and Mrs B. C. K. Hawkins.

Sir Robert Ho Tung, wearing a fur jacket, and the Hon Sir Shouson Chow were among those present.

The awards included six MBE, seven BEM, one ISM, a Commendation for bravery and two Certificates of Honour.

Attired in Chinese long gown, Dr the Hon S. N. Chou was the first to ascend the dais to receive the CBE decoration. He was sponsored by the Hon T. N. Chau, CBE, and Mr J. H. Ruttonjee, CBE.

Next came Mr Henry Ching who was sponsored by the Hon M. W. Lo, OBE, and Dr G. H. Thomas, OBE.

THE CITATIONS

The full list of recipients and the citations follows:

Dr the Hon Chau Sik-nin—CBE (Civil).

Dr Chau has taken a keen and active interest in public affairs. Besides being a member of both Executive and Legislative Councils, he is Chairman of the Anti-Tuberculosis Association, a co-founder of the Victoria Housing Scheme and a member of many boards and committees concerning themselves with public welfare.

Mr Henry Ching—OBE (Civil).

Mr Ching has been the Editor of the South China Morning Post for more than 30 years and by fair and well balanced editorials he has always presented a sane and sound picture of current affairs which has had a steadying effect on the community and done much to preserve the morale of the Colony.

Major Denis Rees Stenhouse—MBE (Military).

Major Stenhouse has been awarded the MBE in recognition of gallantry and distinguished services in Italy during the war.

Major Thomas Percival Cracknell—MBE (Military).

In 1949 Major Cracknell was called upon to undertake responsibility not normally given to an officer of his rank and experience. He achieved outstanding success in dealing accurately and efficiently with a vast amount of work under conditions of considerable strain.

Major Raymond Frederick Discombe—MBE (Military)

In 1949 Major Discombe was called upon to undertake the responsibility, far in excess of his rank or experience, of accommodating some 20,000 troops. He achieved unqualified success and not only displayed outstanding ability and devotion to duty but in so doing made possible the efficient, unhampered arrival of every unit. The fact that officers and men were able to be accommodated reasonably comfortably on arrival was in large measure due to his resourcefulness and hard work.

Captain Henrique Alberto de Barros Botelho—MBE (Military).

Captain Botelho was a most energetic and useful member of the Defence Force Reorganisation Committee and was responsible for the legal drafting of the new Ordinance and Regulations. He has given more than 20 years efficient service in the volunteer forces of the Colony.

Mr Hargraves Milne Howell—MBE (Military).

Lieutenant Howell was awarded the MBE in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the defence of Hongkong in 1941.

Mr Chung King-Pui — MBE (Civil)

Mr Chung has efficiently and loyally worked for many years in the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs. Through his comprehensive knowledge of the Chinese people, his ability and zeal he has proved himself an invaluable adviser.

Staff Sergeant Major George Charles Thornycroft — BEM (Military)

In 1949 the work of setting up and equipping the various offices of a skeleton divisional headquarters fell on the shoulders of Staff Sergeant Thornycroft. He efficiently organised the clerical staff, and worked long, hard hours under difficult conditions to set the organisation running smoothly. He also had to deal with work of a highly secret nature which he alone could perform. His untiring efforts and cheerful efficiency was an outstanding example which inspired both officers and other ranks.

Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant William George Shilling — BEM (Military)

Colour Sergeant Shilling has by his ability and devotion to duty shown himself to be outstandingly loyal, trustworthy and efficient in the execution of his duties.

Sergeant Charles Henry Lemm — BEM (Military)

Private Lemm arrived in Hongkong in 1949 with the advance party of 40th Infantry Division. As one of only two clerks in his Branch he displayed outstanding skill and devotion to duty and he successfully undertook the responsibilities of a senior non-commissioned officer, working long hours efficiently and cheerfully. His industry and example, then and now, have been an inspiration to all with whom he has worked.

Corporal Charles Thomas—BEM (Military)

Corporal Thomas has seen much active service in the Malayan jungle where he has frequently led, with success, many anti-bandit patrols. By his courage and good sense he has always had a steadying effect on the younger men in his platoon.

Mr Leung Kwok-tai—BEM (Civil)

Mr Leung is a loyal and trustworthy skilled technician in the Pathological Institute. During the war he remained with the Institute and was captured and tortured by the Japanese. Since the re-occupation his services have been invaluable in assisting the rehabilitation of the Institute.

Mr Yin Li — BEM (Civil).

Mr Yin Li has worked for 40 years with the War Department in Hongkong, during which time he has discharged all his duties with the highest degree of efficiency. During the Japanese occupation Mr Yin Li worked for the British Army Aid Group in China in the repair and manufacture of weapons for the Field Operational Groups.

Mr David Jose Maria Fernandes — BEM (Honorary).

Mr Fernandes has been awarded an Honorary BEM for 43 years loyal and devoted service to the Colony.

Mr Wong Sui — ISM.

Mr Wong has been awarded the ISM after 39 years of loyal and devoted service with the General Post Office.

Mr Hsie Zer-sing—Commendation For Brave Conduct In The Merchant Navy.

Mr Hsie Zer-sing showed exceptional devotion to duty while his ship the Hannah Moller was bombed and badly damaged by enemy aircraft action at Benghazi.

Mr Li Shiu-Yam—Certificate Of Honour.

Mr Li Shiu-yam is awarded a Certificate of Honour for long and loyal service rendered in the Colony of Hongkong.

Mr Tang Tai-hei—Certificate Of Honour

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Mr Cheung Ka-cheung—Certificate Of Honour

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To Parade Costumes

Above are Patsy Wong (top) and Izabel Sun, who are among the 14 young Chinese ladies, with five child attendants, who will parade Chinese costumes, from ancient to modern in design, at the St John Ambulance Brigade Ball to be held tomorrow at the Hongkong Hotel. The parade will be under the direction of the Chinese actor, Mr Wong Hok-sing. The young ladies who will help to put on this attractive show are all from local families and are not professional actresses.

Tighter Laws For People Of Cyprus

Cyprus, Nicosia, Jan. 24.

Persons whose known character and case are considered prejudicial to good government in this British Colony can henceforth be bound over to keep the peace, for a year or in default go to prison, without being proved guilty of any particular act, under a new bill published in Wednesday's Cyprus Gazette.

A person placed under police supervision by order of the Courts must reside in the district of Cyprus as specified and must not leave his house between sunset and sunrise.

Under another bill it will be a criminal offence to bring into hatred or contempt or to excite disaffection against His Majesty's Government. Hitherto, the law has only applied to the Cyprus government.

PRESS LAW AMENDED

The 1947 press law has also been amended so that the Governor-in-Council can prohibit the import of any newspaper published outside the colony which appears to the Governor to be contrary to religion or morality or prejudicial to peace, public order or good government in the colony.

The law also authorises the Colonial Secretary to refuse a permit for a new newspaper to publish if the proposed newspaper is substantially under the same management or control as a newspaper suspended by a court order.

Last year the Communist newspaper Democratis was suspended for three months, but reappeared two days later under the name Neos Democratis and under the same management.

Another bill exempts citizens of the Republic of Ireland from the definition "alien," which means they cannot be deported from Cyprus—Associated Press.

Silver Ingots Confiscated

While making enquiries into a theft on board the ss Tai Kam Shan last Saturday, the Police discovered that the ship's quartermaster, Lo Ming, 40, had imported 615 taels of silver ingots without a permit.

Lo came before Mr d'Almada at Kowloon this morning and was fined $100 or a month. The silver, valued at approximately $3,000, was ordered to be confiscated.

Insp. Crawford said that a report was made to the Police about the theft of silver on board the ship. When the Police made enquiries, Lo claimed that he had brought 615 taels of silver and had taken the ingots to the Lui Hoo Hing Cheung Kee Bank of 12 Des Voeux Road West for safe-keeping.

The silver was surrendered to the Police by the Bank.

NEW PEKING MESSAGE

(Continued from Page 1)

the United States, the USSR, Egypt, India and the Central People's government of the People's Republic of China meet as soon as possible for the purpose of obtaining all necessary elucidations and amplications of the above-mentioned reply and of making any incidental or consequential arrangements towards peaceful settlement of the Korean and Far Eastern problems.

"The first meeting of the above representatives will be held on a date and at a place to be fixed by the President of the General Assembly. The date and place of each subsequent meeting will be fixed by the representatives themselves. They will hold their meeting in private and will frame their own rules of procedure. They will advise the General Assembly of the result of their consultations as early as possible."—United Press.

Widow Steals Young Child

A 29-year-old widow, Ho Sin-yee, who had no child of her own, was sentenced to a month by Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning for stealing a four-year-old boy, Wong Ah-tai.

Asking for leniency, Ho said that although she was born in Hongkong she wished to be sent back to her mother-in-law in the country. She added that her husband and her mother had died in Hongkong.

Asked why she stole the child, Ho said that she had none of her own and wanted a child.

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